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WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

ORANGE
PRESBYTERY



SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA

MEETING AT
TRINITY AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Durham, N.C.

April 23, 1988



DATES TO REMEMBER

April 30, 1988

First Gathering of Presbyterian Women of Presbytery "B"
9:00-12:30 - Grace Presbyterian Church, Winston Salem

First Gathering of Presbyterian Women of Presbytery "C"
10:00 am - Rocky Mount Senior High School, Rocky Mount

1st Presby Church - Wilson

June 5-8 and June 8-11, 1988

North Carolina Presbyterian Women's Conference
Montreat

July 13-18, 1988

Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women
Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana

August 7-13, 1988

Montreat's Women's Conference
Women in Celebration: A Bridge to the Future"

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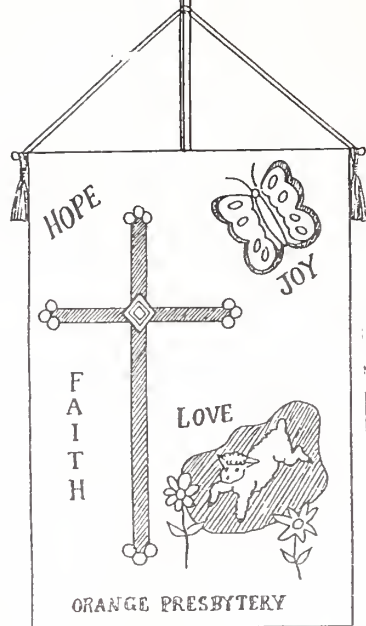
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PROGRAM OF THE DAY

WOMEN OF ORANGE PRESBYTERY
TRINITY AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - DURHAM
SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 1988

9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

REGISTRATION

PRELUDE - "Voluntary No. I in D"... ..William Boyce

10:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING PRAYER.....Mrs. Marge Monroe

HYMN No. 40 - "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

WELCOME.....Mrs. Barbara Yowell

MEDITATION.....Dr. William Crompton Bennett

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS.....Mrs. Marge Monroe

NORTH CAROLINA PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE.....Mrs. Edith Horne

BIRTHDAY OFFERING.....Mrs. Catherine Evans

TREASURER'S REPORT.....Mrs. Thelma Kirk

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIPS.....Mrs. Ann Umstead

OFFERING OBJECTIVES.....Mrs. Mary Lou Thompson

DOXOLOGY WITH ALLELUIAS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION.....Mrs. Mary Lou Thompson

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Consider the Lilies".....John Prindle Scott

Mrs. Virginia Johnston, Soloist

Stephen J. Ketterer, Organist

CREDENTIALS REPORT.....Mrs. Yvonne Crumpacker
SPEAKER OF THE DAY.....Mrs. Ina Jones Hughs
SERVICE OF COMMUNION.....The Rev. Arabella Meadows-Rogers
HYMN No. 473 - "Blessed Be The Tie That Binds Our Hearts"
BENEDICTION AND BLESSING.....The Rev. Arabella Meadows-Rogers
POSTLUDE - "Straf mich nicht in Deinem" Georg Phillip Telemann
LUNCH

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PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Mrs. Marge Monroe
Mrs. Alta Abernathy
Mrs. Hildur Blake
Mrs. Jean Frazier
Mrs. Nancy Darter
Mrs. Shirley Hamme
Mrs. Carey McMains
Mrs. Helen Ogden
Mrs. Jane Porter
Mrs. Helen Sutton
Mrs. Betty Webb
Mrs. Barbara Yowell

THE HOST MINISTER AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN OF HOSTESS CHURCH

MINISTER.....Dr. William Crompton Bennett
CO-CHAIRMEN OF THE DAY...Mrs. Barbara Yowell and Mrs. Jane Porter
HOSPITALITY.....Mrs. Barbara Fletcher
SOCIAL COMMITTEE.....Mrs. Claudia Draffin and Mrs. Dianne Wade
REGISTRATION.....Mrs. Yvonne Crumpacker
TRANSPORTATION.....Mrs. Hildur Blake
SANCTUARY.....Mrs. Linda Autry
MUSIC.....Stephen J. Ketterer, Director of Music
SOLOIST.....Mrs. Virginia Johnston
PUBLICITY.....Mrs. Dorothy Brock
PAGES.....Mrs. Ellen Jeffrey and Mrs. Nancy Jirtle
FIRST AID.....Mrs. Fletcher, Mrs. Yowell, Mrs. Blake

* * PAST PRESIDENTS OF THE WOMEN OF ORANGE PRESBYTERY * *

Mrs. S. O'H. Dickson.....	1898-1900
Mrs. W. P. McCorkle	1900
Mrs. Lettie Walker	1900-1901
Mrs. R. D. Blacknall	1901-1910
Mrs. S. M. Rankin	1910
Mrs. E. C. Murray	1910-1916
Mrs. O. G. Jones	1916-1918
Mrs. G. W. Oldham	1918-1920
Mrs. S. C. Brawley	1920-1921
Mrs. E. P. Wharton.	1924-1928
Mrs. E. P. Walker.....	1928-1932
Mrs. N. N. Fleming	1932-1935
Mrs. E. C. Heins, Sanford	1935-1938
Mrs. J. W. Mann, Sanford	1938-1940
Mrs. C. E. Kerchner, Greensboro	1940-1943
Mrs. Ralph Holt, Sr., Burlington	1943-1946
Mrs. Leonard Ascough, Sanford	1946-1949
Mrs. Rufus Wilson, Burlington	1949-1952
Mrs. Hunter Dalton, High Point	1952-1955
Mrs. Victor King, Sanford	1955-1957
Mrs. Brit M. Armfield, Greensboro	1957-1959
Mrs. Charles Adams, Greensboro	1959-1961
Mrs. Z. T. Piephoff, Concord	1961-1963
Mrs. Joseph S. Vincent, Greensboro	1963-1965
Mrs. Walter S. Stone, Stoneville	1965-1968
Mrs. Joseph Allred, Greensboro	1968-1970
Mrs. Roger Jones (June), Graham	1971-1972
Mrs. W. Gordon Poole (Margaret), Raleigh	1972-1974
Mrs. Henry E. Greeson, Jr. (Myrtle) Greensboro.	1974-1976
Mrs. E. P. Cunningham, Jr. (Jane), Smithfield..	1976-1978
Mrs. L. H. Bell, Sr., (Edna), Greensboro.....	1978-1980
Mrs. William M. Miller (Jane), Asheboro.....	1980-1982
Mrs. Henry Hartzog (Grace), Raleigh.....	1982-1984
Mrs. John W. Thomas (Tommie), High Point.....	1984-1986
Mrs. Carl Monroe (Marge), Greensboro.....	1986-1988

Margaret Poole



When I was asked to be president of Women's Work of the newly enlarged Orange Presbytery, it meant taking over responsibilities of the highly efficient Billie Fansler of Roanoke Rapids who was then president of Granville Presbytery and of the much respected June Jones of Graham who was the president of the "old" Orange. This consolidation created one large Presbytery - Orange. There were about 13,000 women representing 139 churches. To accept the appointment required great responsibility and much traveling. What a privilege! What an honor! What a challenge!

After I had been on the job quite a while, my minister at First Church, Durham, the Rev. David Currie, said to our Session members, "Margaret has been in more Presbyterian Churches in Orange Presbytery than anyone here, including me!"

I was a self-termed homebody and still am, but I did much traveling and enjoyed working with wonderful people. Another reward of this office was that of being a guest in many homes of the women and having the friendship and cooperation of their pastors. I remain active in the Women of the Church in White Memorial Church in Raleigh where I have served as a Circle Chairman for two years.

....Margaret R. Poole (1972-1974)
(Margaret R. Newton was my name at that time.)

Myrtle Greeson



Born and reared in the Greensboro area, I attended Woman's College (U.N.C.G.) before I was married 46 years ago. We have one daughter, our pride and joy! I am also proud to be a charter member of Starmount Church where I have served as a deacon, an elder, and as a church school teacher. Last year I retired as financial secretary of Starmount Church after 28 years of service.

I have enjoyed serving in our local Women of the Church and have held several offices, including president. At the Presbytery level, I have served as White Cross Chairman, District Chairman, Vice-President, and then as President of the "New Orange" in 1974-76. I was on Presbytery Council for two terms. Other areas of service which I found challenging and rewarding include three terms as a Trustee for the Presbyterian Home, two terms as Business Manager for the North Carolina Woman's Conference, and as an officer of the Women of the Synod of North Carolina.

My favorite things are friends, but I also enjoy needlework, reading, and cooking.

....Myrtle C. Greeson (1974-1976)



Edna Bell

A journey in the Presbyterian Church began twenty-six years ago when I married a Presbyterian. Soon I was off to Women's Conference in Montreat, a wonderful experience I have repeated many times. I was on the Women's Council of Orange when Granville and Orange united, and served on the first Council of "New" Orange. In 1978 I was installed as President of "New" Orange in Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church, and I would like to share that honor with my faithful, hard-working Council members to whom I am deeply indebted. On April 23, 1988, when the Council of Orange will be dissolved in Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church, we will be remembering the friends who will always remain in our love and prayers.

In the Buffalo Church, I have served in most offices of Women of the Church, including two terms as president. Teaching Sunday School was very rewarding, and serving as Clerk of the Session gave me an appreciation for the responsibility of the office of Elder. The most awesome and exciting experience was being a Commissioner to General Assembly in 1983, in Atlanta, when the two Presbyterian Churches became one. The sadness mingled with joy was keenly felt on the march to City Hall as bagpipes played and banners waved. The first meeting was emotional, the parade of banners, and the messages from dignitaries of the world over. When Communion was served to 13,000 loving, caring people, fears vanished and joy filled our hearts. To continue in this spirit of love and fellowship is my prayer.

Edna K. Bell (1978-1980)

Jane Cunningham



It was 1976-1978. Let's do a little reminiscing! It's been ten years since I was Presbyterian President. Those two years were among the happiest of my life - filled with hours of working with the most wonderful people I have ever known. The Council members were the finest. There was Jean, my right and left arm, who travelled, typed, and encouraged along with Christine who efficiently took in and dispersed all the monies. The histories were gathered by Cora Ann while Denise promoted Christian Community Actions. With much excitement Tommie accelerated interest in scholarships and she and Dean were always after "special collections" for their projects - need you be reminded of Dean's dedication to Glade Valley? Always standing by were Katherine and Mary in case of need; and such complete minutes did Evelyn and Christine keep; and what of Bonnie and Carol and the wonderful spiritual retreats at Glade Valley? Our missions were never in better hands than with Doris and Estelle working with Margaret and Patsy on the White Cross quotas. In the districts, there was Pat S., Lois, Betty, Myrlene, Pat F., Harriet, Jane, Kay, Eudean, and Irene. The special committees were chaired by "special" people like Sylvia, Nancy, Thelma, Ruth, Mozelle, Lois, Virginia, and Margaret. The Birthday Celebrations were really celebrations with Shirley and Elwannah telling their stories.

The annual meetings were the highlights of each year. Organization and hard work were the keys as Myrtle and Eva with the women of their churches hosted these memorable and inspiring gatherings. It was all a blessing and for the glory of His Kingdom. Now it is 1988 and a new day.

Jane Austin Cunningham (1976-1978)



Jane Miller

Jane Edmiston was born on a 650 acre dairy farm in Rowan County, the only daughter among six sons. A graduate of Women's College (U.N.C.G.), Jane married William McLelland Miller in 1948 and moved to Asheboro. They have a son, David, and a daughter, Ruth, and four grandchildren.

As a member of the First Church, Asheboro, Jane has served in many areas, including President of WOC, Chairman of the Diaconate, and presently as an active Elder. She was honored by her local church with an Honorary Life Membership. On the Presbytery level, she has served on Presbytery Council, on the Nominating Committee, as an Advocate for International Missions, and presently is Chairperson for the International Missions Committee. In 1980 Jane went as a Commissioner from Orange Presbytery to the General Assembly. For the Women of the Church of Orange Presbytery, she has been Chair of World Missions, Historian, District Chair, Vice President, and in 1980-1982, the President, following which she was awarded an Honorary Life Membership. In 1975, Jane directed the NC Presbyterian Women's Conference in Montreat, and was a member of the NC Synod Judicial Commission. Presently a member of the WOC Transition Committee for Presbytery B, Jane serves as Co-Chair of the Search Committee.

....And from Jane: "April 15, 1980, was the beginning of an unforgettable experience of love, friendship, and service for me. There were many highlights and special moments. One of the delights was making the quilt with a square for each church in the Presbytery (now hanging in the Presbytery office.)"

....Jane E. Miller (1980-1982)



Grace Hartzog

A native of Greenwood, South Carolina, and graduate of Lander College, Grace McCord taught in McCormick High School until her marriage to Henry Gerard Hartzog. In 1936 they moved to Raleigh. They have three children, Ann (Mrs. T. Hartley Hall); H. Gerard, III; and Dan - all Presbyterian Elders. A special joy - ten grandchildren and one great grandchild! In 1978, Grace was honored as the North Carolina Mother of the Year. Before retiring in July of 1974, she was employed by the State, and in 1965 was named Raleigh and Wake County Woman of the Year.

A charter member of White Memorial Church, Grace has served as Deacon and was one of the first two women Elders in the church. In 1976-78 she was president of the Women of the Church, and in 1982-84 president of the Women of Orange Presbytery. Honorary Life Memberships were given to her by each of the organizations. She has served in many areas of Orange Presbytery and also at the Synod level. One privilege among many was going as a Commissioner to the 1983 General Assembly. Currently Grace is a member of the Synod's Support Group for the NCCCW Chaplain; the Board of Governors, Presbyterian Home; Board of Trustees, Orange Presbytery Foundation; and was just reappointed by Governor Martin to the Community Resources Council for NCCCW.

....Grace McCord Hartzog (1982-1984)



Tommie Thomas

Tommie Thomas describes herself first of all as the wife of John, mother of five sons, and grandmother of four! Her hobbies include such absorbing projects as dog training and trialing, needlework, bridge, gardening, painting, golf, and flying. She is a licensed pilot! Tommie's past responsibilities in her church, the Forest Hills Presbyterian Church in High Point, are too numerous for this space, but include serving as a Deacon, as President of the Women of the Church, as a teacher, as a chairman of various committees, and twenty years as a member of the choir.

Tommie has held many offices of the Women of Orange Presbytery, including that of President from 1984-1986. She designed and helped prepare the beautiful WOC quilt and the Orange Presbytery banner which stand so grandly at many WOC gatherings. On the Synod level, Tommie has served as Vice Chair of the Ministry Group on Women, as Hostess and workshop leader at several North Carolina Presbyterian Women's Conferences at Montreat, and as planner and participant at the Tri-Synod Leadership Consultation, the Peacemaking Conference on the Middle East, and at Joys in Leadership Conferences.

Tommie has also been heavily involved in community activities and all of these reflect her leadership abilities, her hobbies, her concern for the needs of others, and her ever-smiling gregarious personality.

....Tommie Thomas (1984-1986)



Marge Monroe

Marge Monroe is a native of Greensboro and attended UNC Greensboro. A former member of the United Church of Christ where she was President of the Women's Fellowship, a Deacon, and a member of many congregational committees, Marge became a Presbyterian twelve years ago. As a Member of the Greensboro's First Church, she was active in many areas of leadership in the congregation and in the Women of the Church, and, among other responsibilities, drove the church bus! Presently, Marge is a member and Elder of the Sedgefield Presbyterian Church in Greensboro. At the Presbytery level, Marge has served on the Candidate's Committee and the Women's Ministry Committee, and as President of the Women of Orange Presbytery, she currently serves as a Corresponding Member of Presbytery's Council. She is a Partner for Transition and Co-Moderator of the Transition Committee for Presbyterian Women in Presbytery "B." At the Synod level, Marge has served on the faculty and as Hostess twice for the North Carolina Presbyterian Women's Conference in Montreat.

In addition to her church responsibilities, Marge has served as President of the Greensboro Charity League, Neighborhood Chairman of Girl Scouts, a member of the Greensboro Symphony Guild, a former Board Member of the North Carolina Symphony, and member and former Treasurer of the Sedgefield Woman's Club. Marge's present interests outside the church are mainly in genealogy and her family's Scottish heritage. She is a member of Clan Munro Association of USA and Scotland, a Patron of the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, a member of the Triad St. Andrews Society, and of the St. Andrews Society of Washington, D.C.

Marge Monroe (1986-1988)



- ALAMANCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Greensboro -

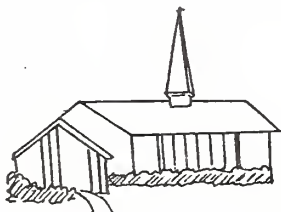
A congregation at Alamance dates back to 1762 when, according to tradition, the early settlers gathered to build a church. Before a tree was cut, Andrew Finley prayed that God might be worshiped on this hill until the end of the world! Alamance Presbyterian Church was organized in 1764 with 22 charter members. Dr. David Caldwell and the Rev. Eli Caruthers were the first and second pastors with a combined service of almost 100 years. Dr. Caldwell also served the Buffalo Church. Eighteen pastors have led the congregation since that time. The Rev. Lucius Gray and the Rev. James Eller (Associate) are serving the church at the present time.

Believed to be the first woman's society in North Carolina, the Female Benevolent Society was organized about 1823. The work was suspended during the Civil War, but it was reorganized in 1873. Always a vital part of the life of Alamance Church, today's organization of the Women of the Church has 458 members and the President is Mrs. Harvey Starr.

The Synod of North Carolina was organized at Alamance in 1813 and met in this church again in 1913 and 1963 to commemorate the event.

Today, Alamance Church continues to be a strong church in the community and in the Presbytery with a deep commitment to serving the needs of its community and the world.

....Submitted by Edna Jobe



-FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Asheboro-

Presbyterianism came to Asheboro in 1848 with the arrival of George McNeill, missionary of Orange Presbytery. At his instigation, Presbytery sent a committee in 1850 with the charge to organize a church, and on May 4 of that year, Asheboro Presbyterian was established with 13 charter members. In witness of the faith and foresight and dedication of that congregation, those 13 members set about to build a church building; and in less than two years they were worshiping in a sanctuary that seated 225 persons!

From the beginning there was a women's organization, and in these early years, the ladies took a active part in providing furnishings for the new church building as well as supporting mission work beyond the local area.

Through the Civil War, the division of the national church, the reconstruction period, and into the early years of the 20th century, the church gained and finally in 1929, became self-supporting. Since that time, the congregation has grown steadily in the strength of its giving to Presbytery programs.

In the early 1950's the members moved from the downtown plant with its historical and sentimental ties to a new location with an area sufficient for many years to come. Twenty years later, classrooms, office space, and a large fellowship hall were added to that 1956 building. At the present rate of growth, (more than 700 members), the congregation is again making plans for a larger sanctuary in the early 1990's....a step in this church's continuing effort to do Christ's work in Asheboro.

....Submitted by Mrs. Donald Chisholm

- BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Graham -

In 1882, under the sponsorship of the Graham Presbyterian Church, the Rev. George Summey, D.D., organized a Sabbath school in a local school building. Ten years later this school was organized as Bethany Presbyterian Church with sixteen members enrolled. The Curtis family donated land on which a small frame church was built. The church was lighted with oil lamps, and curtains were used to divide the sanctuary into classrooms, until in 1926 electricity was installed and six rooms were added. Other improvements included a piano and the pulpit and chairs made and given by Blair Long. The present structure was begun in 1940, and with additions and some remodeling, it now includes an educational building and fellowship hall, serving a congregation of 257. The Rev. Norman M. Whitney, called in 1968, continues as the present pastor.

The Woman's Auxiliary was organized November 18, 1928, with Mrs. J. H. Dixon as the first president. The women have studied together and worked together to raise funds to maintain the growing church. Mrs. W.S. McPherson, Mrs. L. N. Glenn, and Mrs. Nathan Price were the first women elected to the Session, and Mrs. W. D. Guthrie serves as a Trustee. Mrs. Henry Flythe and Mrs. W. E. Fogleman have held offices at the Presbytery level, and Mrs. Roger Jones has served as Director of the North Carolina Presbyterian Women's Conference, as Presbyterial President, and as a member of Glade Valley Advisory Board and Orange Council. The Women of the Church of Bethany Church strive to grow in their knowledge of Christ that they may fulfill their particular responsibilities.

....Submitted by Mrs. Bennie C. Thompson (Sarah)

- BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, McLeansville -

Located on 53.29 acres of land acquired over a period of 162 years, the Bethel Presbyterian Church is eight miles east of Greensboro just off Highway #70. Bethel's parent church, known as Cedar Creek, was organized in 1812 on a site now used as a Gibsonville cemetery. It was the third Presbyterian Church in the county. The location, however, proved inaccessible to many of the members, so in 1815 the congregation received land seven miles west from Pernal Chance for "the erection of a meeting house." The church moved, built a log meeting house, and changed the name to Bethel. The ground behind the structure was enclosed by a wall of stones for a cemetery, and is still in use today. The earliest grave is that of Elder John Smith who died in 1822.

After the Civil War, an influx of new families brought about the need for a larger building; pledges of both money and labor were enlisted; and the new sanctuary was completed in 1868. Many additions and renovations have been made since then. The Educational Building was completed in 1952. A manse was added the following year, enabling the congregation to employ its first full time minister.

Twenty-four ministers have served the Bethel Church, often in a shared ministry. The church has been yoked with First Church, Greensboro, Buffalo, Alamance, and Springwood. Ten sons of the church have been ordained into the pastoral ministry; one, Robert L. Wharton, served in Cuba as an educational missionary after his ordination in 1898.

....Submitted by Sharon Smith

- BETHESDA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Ruffin -

A plaque on the front of the beautiful brick edifice known as Bethesda Presbyterian Church (originally called Hart's Chapel) lists 1765 as the date of organization. On the basis of this date, Bethesda is the oldest church in the community, the third oldest Presbyterian Church in Caswell County, and the tenth oldest within the present bounds of Orange Presbytery. According to Houston G. Jones, State Archivist and native of the Bethesda Community:

"The Church's founding came less than fifteen years after the first white settlers took up land along Hogan and Horsley's Creeks in what was then Orange County. The congregation is twelve years older than Caswell County, eleven years older than the First North Carolina Constitution, and began its existence while its membership still paid allegiance to the British King."

The women of Bethesda were first organized in 1915 as the Women's Missionary Society, and the programs dealt largely with mission emphases. Mrs. George Oldham, the first president, also helped to organize the women of the Yanceyville and Griers Churches. In 1920 the organization became the Woman's Auxiliary and in 1948, the Women of the Church. The women of Bethesda have been faithful in supporting the work of the Presbyterian Church, and in addition have manifested a continuing concern for the appearance and comfort of "God's House." The probability is that Bethesda would not have withstood the strain of its hardest years had it not been for the activity and support of the women, striving always to imitate the example of Christ who came not to be served, but to serve.

....Submitted by Mrs. James Y. Blackwell, Jr.

- BETHLEHEM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Mebane -

Bethlehem Presbyterian Church was established in 1822, and within a year, after temporarily holding services in a private home, the original church building was erected. During the 100th anniversary celebration, plans were made to build a new sanctuary to accommodate the 120 members.

The congregation has shared ministers with Hawfields Church and later with Cross Roads, and for several years, was well served by student ministers from Duke or North Carolina Universities. Currently affiliated with Efland Presbyterian Church, the members of Bethlehem feel very fortunate to have had the good leaders that God has provided.

A manse was built in 1961, and plans are in place to raise funds for an urgently needed educational building. The congregation has sent forth two ministers and one missionary to the service of God. One member of the church served two years in the Peace Corps, another served a year in a hospital in Haiti, and one member is a missionary to Bolivia.

Bethlehem members consider the church the center of their close-knit community and trust the congregation will continue to serve God in an acceptable way.

....Submitted by Olivia N. Jones

- BLACKNALL MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Durham -

Recording the beginnings of the West Durham Mission in 1901, Sadie Blount Blacknall described it as "the youngest, and in some ways, the weakest and most unpromising of our church's undertakings." Miss Blacknall, whose family was prominent in the congregations's beginnings, went on to say, "Its course was marked by adversity of varied sorts, yet it was 'blessed and made a blessing' from the first."

Some might have wondered. West Durham, in the 1890's was a poor mill village. The mission organizers, from prosperous First Presbyterian Church, struggled just to find accommodations: first, a bar, made available because the proprietor had become a Christian; next, the home of a former slave. Even its early attempts at building seemed thwarted. The first frame structure was blown to the ground just before construction was completed!

Yet, Blacknall, the "youngest and weakest," eventually developed through the sturdier stuff of God's grace and the faith of its congregation. Many proposals to abandon the work were rejected. More than twenty years passed - from 1894 to 1916 - before the Blacknall Memorial Presbyterian Church was officially organized. Another seven years were needed before there were enough resources for an adequate sanctuary, and the educational building became a reality in 1964. Today, Blacknall is a congregation of about 325 members. Attendance at the two Sunday worship services numbers more than 500, due in part to the large number of students, faculty, and employees of Duke University and Duke Medical Center. Preparing to embark on its third building program, Blacknall continues to be a congregation committed to a Christ-centered, evangelical perspective in its ministry.

....Submitted by the Rev. Allan Poole

-BRENTWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, High Point-

The Brentwood Presbyterian Church is an outgrowth of a mission established in an empty store building on East Green Drive by the First Church of High Point. Under their leadership a Sunday School met for several years, until on March 10, 1940, a Commission from Presbytery organized the Brentwood Presbyterian Church with 27 charter members. Dr. O. C. Williamson of First Church served as supply pastor for three years, assisted during the summers by student ministers. Led by Dr. Williamson and Mr. George V. Denny, the congregation began construction of a chapel in the winter of 1940. The Rev. J. P. H. McNatt became the minister in November 1943. During his long pastorate, an additional lot was purchased, the existing chapel was moved to the rear of the lot, and an initial basement was created. This structure was completed in 1948 in time to entertain the Presbytery on April 13th. With a growing membership of 140, another lot on Wesley Place was purchased and construction was begun on the new sanctuary. The new building was completed in June, 1954. Since 1969 the pastor has been Dr. William J. Wrenn.

The Women of the Church of Brentwood are deeply indebted to Mrs. A. K. (Lucille) Martin from First Church for her leadership and inspiration. She was given an Honorary Life Membership by the women in 1969.

....Submitted by Lynette Gregg

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-BROOKSTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Henderson-

About 1885, the people of the Brookston Community, located five miles north of Henderson in Vance County, felt the need for a private school for their children. Mr. Davie Reavis, Mr. Pirea, Mr. Satterwhite, Mr. Dick Best, and others in the area furnished logs and built a one room school near the site of the present church building. Mr. C. B. Church, a local merchant, gave the land and other assistance. On Sundays this building was used for Sunday School. Numbers increased, interest grew, and the necessity for a church became evident. The will of Mrs. Ike Young left \$1,000 for church construction. An acre of land was acquired for \$15.00 from Miss Martha Ann Gibbs, and \$500 was used to build Brookston Presbyterian Church.

Slowly but surely the Spirit of God has been at work in these people and the church has been strengthened. Through many changes, numerous faithful leaders, good times and bad, the Brookston Church has remained a source of spiritual strength and inspiration to its people. In 1900 the Sunday School numbered 65 with seven teachers. In 1987 the numbers are about the same. It has remained a small country church; the congregation has much the same needs as those people who entered its doors in 1885.

For the past nineteen years, the church has been without a full time pastor, but Dr. Gerald Wilson of Duke University has served all these years as the supply pastor. The Brookston congregation has managed with God's help to remain steadfast. For all of God's gifts we are thankful.

....Submitted by Barbara Wortham Spain

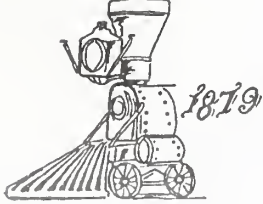
- BUFFALO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Greensboro -

Made up of sturdy Scottish-Irish from the Nottingham Colony of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, Buffalo Presbyterian Church was organized in 1756. The church was supplied by missionaries until Dr. David Caldwell came in 1765. A strong preacher, a patriot, physician, statesman, and outstanding teacher, Dr. Caldwell served Buffalo for fifty-six years. He lived to be ninety-nine years of age and is buried in the Buffalo Cemetery with his wife, Rachel Craighead Caldwell. Buffalo Church has been served by fourteen pastors in its long history. One, the Rev. Cyrus K. Caldwell, was a grandson of "Dr. David."

"LET FREEDOM RING," an outdoor drama directed by Moir M. Ayers, was presented to commemorate the church's 200th anniversary in 1956, and in 1976, Mr. Ayers prepared a Pictorial History to celebrate Buffalo's 225 years of existence. The current membership is 350, and the congregation is expanding in size and activity. The Rev. Christopher F. East, installed in 1987, is the present pastor.

The first record of a women's organization, the Female Benevolent Society, is found in 1825 Session Minutes. The present Women of the Church of Buffalo has had two Presbyterian Presidents: Mrs. C. E. Kerchner(1940-1943) and Mrs. L. H. Bell, Sr.(1978-1980). One member, Mrs. Bertha K. Frazier, has had perfect attendance at circle meetings for fifty-two years!

....Submitted by Ruth K. Garrett



- FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Burlington -

Burlington marks its beginning from 1854 when the North Carolina Railroad Company erected maintenance shops for the railroad and houses for its employees. Three years later the Rev. Archibald Currie, pastor of the Graham Presbyterian Church began to hold services at Company Shops (Burlington's first name!). A Union Church was erected in 1869 and seven denominations used the building until each could erect its own facility.

The Presbyterian group was organized June 15, 1879, its first building was completed in 1891, and the first full-time pastor was called in 1895. The first quarter of the 1900's has been called the "Missionary Years" at First Presbyterian; four new Presbyterian churches were started: Elmira Chapel (now Westview) was organized in 1913, Piedmont and Shiloh Churches were organized in 1917, and East Burlington in 1921. First Church was also instrumental in the organization of Northside Church 27 years later.

The Women of the Church, active and involved in the life of the church and the community, is organized for the purpose of fellowship, Bible study, and service.

On June 17, 1979, the congregation celebrated its centennial anniversary and burned the mortgage on the final phase of the impressive church structure. The building is used extensively for the significant ministry of the church, for valuable community service programs, and for many of the activities of the Presbytery. Burlington's First Presbyterian Church now has an enrollment of 1,221 members.

....Submitted by Sally G. Williams

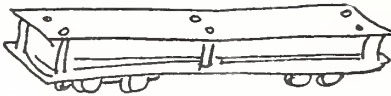
- BUTNER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH -

The Butner Presbyterian Church was officially organized on June 23, 1957 with a total of 34 adult members and 16 children. The congregation had first gathered in the National Guard Armory in Butner on February 3, 1957. The Rev. Thomas T. Traynham of the First Presbyterian Church of Oxford, delivered the sermon at the organizational meeting and installed the Rev. Alfred Thomas as the first pastor.

A service of consecration of the new church building was held January 4, 1959 with Dr. William H. Brownlee of Duke University, the Rev. Thomas T. Traynham, and the Rev. Alfred Thomas participating in the service. A plaque from Granville Presbytery was presented to the congregation, representing the land given for the Butner Church. Ground breaking services for the present sanctuary were held October 18, 1964, with the first worship service Sunday, December 19, 1965.

The first Women of the Church meeting was held on March 18, 1957, with 13 members and was organized as a circle of the Oxford Presbyterian Church. On February 12, 1960, the Men of the Church was organized with 23 members. A kindergarten was established in the fall of 1967 under the supervision of the Session. The following year the Rev. Alfred Thomas resigned to take on full-time studies at UNC. The Rev. Dave Vallenga, the present pastor, is the fifth minister to serve the Butner congregation.

....Submitted by Mrs. Peggy Williams



- CARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH -

On September 5, 1954, under the auspices of Granville Presbytery, the Rev. Charles E. Johnson, Jr., conducted the first worship service of a small Presbyterian congregation in the Cary High School. Six months later, on Sunday, February 20, 1955, the Cary Presbyterian Church was commissioned and Mr. Johnson was officially called as pastor.

In March of 1955, ten acres of land were purchased in the Russell Hills subdivision, and in November the ground-breaking ceremonies were held for the first building. Practically all the labor and many of the materials used in the building's construction were donated by members of the congregation. Mr. R. Eugene Ives, a charter member recalls: "The Robert Klatt family loaned some roller skates to help in transporting steel beams and these skates were worn out in the Lord's service!"

By 1962 the membership had grown to over 200 and the need for an additional building was recognized. It was with great rejoicing that the education building became a reality with its dedication on October 3, 1965. In January 1984 another building committee began to make plans for a new sanctuary and office complex to be constructed in the near future.

While many events in the history of Cary Presbyterian can be chronicled and dated, it is the people whose names and faces are contained herein who comprise the essence of this faith community: ordinary people committed to the extraordinary ministry of Jesus Christ.

....Submitted by Carey McMains

-CENTER RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Kenly-

The Center Ridge Presbyterian Church was organized on February 8, 1917 with fifteen charter members. Two of these, Miss Lizzie Cockrell and Mrs. Effie Renfrow, are still members of the congregation but are unable to attend services. The Rev. C. E. Clarke was the first pastor and served the church through 1921. Ten ministers followed Mr. Clarke until, in 1973, Center Ridge and six other churches joined together to form SOAM with the following pastors: the Rev. James McDaniel; the Rev. Richard Hildebrandt, and the Rev. Fred McCaskill-Baker. In 1980 the Rev. W. H. Jarrett was installed and is the present pastor. Center Ridge Church now has a membership of 38.

In the mid 1930's, Mrs. C. F. Allen established the Women of the Church and currently, there are 18 active members. They have worked together to purchase choir chairs and church pews, and they have always cleaned and maintained the church building. Eula Godwin was elected the first woman elder in 1965, one of the first woman elders in Granville Presbytery.

The women of Center Ridge dedicate this brief summary to the memory of the beloved sister member, Mazelle Godwin, who died on December 8, 1987. Mazelle served the congregation and the Women of the Church faithfully in many, many ways.

....Submitted by Judy Bass

- PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE COVENANT, Greensboro -

Organized with the motto, "A Church That Serves," this congregation celebrates the following dates:

- 1906 - May 14 - Organized as Walker Avenue Presbyterian Church
- 1906 - June - Original building completed at a cost of \$4,765.35
- 1909 - October 31 - Name changed to Presbyterian Church of the Covenant
- 1916 - May 14 - New building dedicated - cost, \$30,000
- 1937 - Education Building completed - cost, \$38,000
- 1952 - New organ purchased - cost, \$33,000
- 1952 - January 6 - Temporary Youth House and land purchased - \$13,000
- 1954 - New manse purchased - \$31,500
- 1965 - Youth Education Building dedicated - \$400,000
- 1977 - Renovation of sanctuary - \$190,000

The following pastors have served this congregation: the Rev. R. Murphy Williams (1906-1945); Dr. Joseph M. Garrison, (1945-1969); the Rev. Eugene C. Ensley (1970-1977); and the present minister, Dr. Z. W. Holler, installed in 1979. Even the first structure had an organized Sunday School, Missionary Society, and Ladies' Aid Society. Over the years, the congregation has lived up to the motto in performing services and opening its doors to numerous community organizations. In 1984 the New Creation Community Presbyterian Church was developed, a separate congregation which meets at Covenant and whose organizing minister, the Rev. Frank Dew, serves on the staff of the Church of the Covenant.

The women have literally been the backbone of this congregation. Ten of the 27 Session members presently are women. After several reorganizations and name changes, the women of the Church of the Covenant look forward to new challenges as "Presbyterian Women."

....Submitted by Mrs. Edna E. Peters



- THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS, Greensboro -

After months of planning in consultation with the Church Extension Committee of Orange Presbytery, the Church of the Cross was formed on November 8, 1964, by uniting the congregations of the Bessemer and Meadowside Presbyterian Churches. The church was merged at the existing facilities at 1810 Phillips Avenue and plans were immediately made to expand. The Rev. James F. Miller has served as pastor of this new church since its beginning. An educational wing made necessary by the merger was consecrated on January 22, 1967.

The Bessemer Church began in the Midway community in 1888 as the Midway Presbyterian Church. Relocated to Bessemer Avenue in 1923 when the name was changed to Bessemer, the church was long an effective instrument of God in that community. The Meadowside Church began in 1950 as an outpost of the First Church, Greensboro, and was formally organized by Orange Presbytery in August of 1951. In 1963, a complete new facility was constructed at the merged church's present location.

Located in a densely populated and changing community, this present congregation is constantly seeking ways by which the needs of all people can be met in the Name of Christ. They strive to maintain the Church as a strong and involved base for worship and service; they continue to build a wide range of service programs to meet the needs of the people; the church serves as a rallying point for constructive expression of human concerns.

....Information supplied by Hazel Connelly



THE CHURCH OF RECONCILIATION, Chapel Hill

In 1965, Chapel Hill's University Church called the Rev. Buie Seawell as an associate minister with a plan to have him organize a second Presbyterian Church in the area. Meeting in the cafeteria of Phillips Junior High School, on September 18, 1966, Buie preached his first sermon to the newly gathered congregation of just over 100 - the Church of Reconciliation - and challenged them to find creative ways of living and serving. Orange Presbytery officially organized the Church of Reconciliation on the night of February 5th, 1967, but the congregation had not waited for official recognition to begin their challenge. The first "Reconciler" was published September 28, 1966, a family retreat was held in November, and a Moravian Love Feast was celebrated in December. All have continued as a part of the ongoing life of this congregation.

Purchasing nine acres of land on which were an old house, several barns, and two of the loveliest sycamore trees in town, Orange Presbytery and University Church presented the site to the new church. Almost eight years later, the members were able to build the three units they now occupy. The first service in the new church was held on March 6, 1977.

After many trying years of erratic leadership, the members rejoiced to have the Rev. Tim Kimrey come to the church in July of 1974. In recent years the church has responded to the pressures of increasing growth and has called Mary K. Steege as a full-time associate pastor. This brief history cannot be concluded without thanking the numerous people who have served faithfully and creatively as Elders in the Church of Reconciliation.

....Compiled by Irene Hollis

-COMMUNITY IN CHRIST, PRESBYTERIAN, Greensboro-

In 1969, Orange Presbytery called the Rev. Angus McGregor to be the organizing pastor for a "new type of ministry to the suburbs" of Greensboro in southeast Guilford County. Presbytery called for this work to begin without any predetermined form to allow for the creative work of the Holy Spirit. On December 5, 1971, Orange Presbytery organized Community in Christ, Presbyterian with 109 charter members. The name of this congregation does not contain the word "church," for that is what "Community in Christ" is. The Rev. Angus McGregor was called as the first pastor.

Dedicated to being more than a "Sunday church," CIC made careful plans to construct a multi-purpose facility. The focal point of the new building was the "Centrum." This big room in the center of the facility was for expression and demonstrations of faith, for worship as well as mission. There was excitement in that building and the center of that excitement was the Sunday gathering. People came, they worshipped, they sang, they prayed, they listened, they learned, and they grew.

In July of 1978, the congregation called the Rev. Jim Rissmiller to be the second pastor of CIC. The membership has continued to grow, and remains committed to acting out its faith in the community, as individuals and corporately. As the congregation approaches the 20th century's last decade, it is continuing to strive to be a faithful people, loving and serving all, in the name of Jesus Christ.

....Submitted by the Rev. Jim Rissmiller

- COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Wendell -

The seed for Covenant Presbyterian Church was planted on February 8, 1954, when representatives from Granville Presbytery met with the late Grace and Plato Monk and a handful of Wendell area residents. Three weeks later, 40 people gathered in the Wendell Woman's Club building for the first worship service. Under the leadership of the Rev. Scott M. Poole, the church's first full-time minister, the chapel was organized into Wendell Presbyterian Church on February 26, 1956. A church structure and a manse were built during Rev. Poole's pastorate.

The Women of the Church was organized with six members in 1954 as Circle #20 of the First Presbyterian Church of Raleigh. After the formal organization of the church, the group functioned independently and has over the year undertaken many study and service projects. Life Memberships have been awarded to Faye Raybon, long-time volunteer church organizer, and to the late Grace Monk, the driving force behind the establishment of this congregation.

Wendell Church has now become the Covenant Presbyterian Church, and with over 100 members, the church is bursting at the seams. On October 4, 1987, ground was broken for the long-awaited education building with an expected completion date in early 1988, and future plans call for a new sanctuary.

....Submitted by Mary Jo Cashion

- CRESTWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, High Point -

With a firecracker stand as its humble beginning, Crestwood was established as a mission of the First Church, High Point, in February of 1946. A Commission from Orange Presbytery officially organized the sixteen charter members into Crestwood Presbyterian Church on January 18, 1948, and in August of the next year, the Rev. Murphy Wilds was called as the first pastor.

A little white chapel was the next meeting place and, expanded twice, was used until 1958. Under the faithful leadership of the Rev. William M. Baker (1955-1960), the membership increased rapidly and in June, 1958, moved to the present location on Greensboro Road. The Rev. Lawrence W. Avent was called in 1960, and the Rev. J. William Orders in 1963. During this time, a beautiful manse adjacent to the church property, became a reality; the sanctuary was air-conditioned; and the congregation assumed partial support of a missionary couple. The church plant now includes an attractive Youth Center which is also used as a Fellowship Hall. Other ministers serving Crestwood include the Rev. H. Dewey Herring, the Rev. C. Randolph Terrell, Dr. H. Wray Sherman, III, and the current pastor, Dr. Daniel L. Durway. The present active membership is 110. There is much gratitude to God for His blessings in this congregation.

The Women of the Church was organized on March 21, 1948, and currently there are two large circles with monthly meetings and excellent Bible studies. Fortunate to have Mary McDaniel as the current president, members work diligently, willingly, and happily to serve wherever needs arise.

....Submitted by Hazel Lanier

- CROSS ROADS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Mebane -

Cross Roads was developed as a preaching point between 1763 and 1773 but because Presbytery's records were destroyed by fire, the exact date of organization is not known. It was linked as one pastorate with the Hawfields Church by the Rev. Jacob Lake, and known records since 1792 list 18 pastors, beginning with the Rev. William Hodge.

Cross Roads had much publicity when Alex Haley found the missing link for his Pulitzer Prize-winning book, Roots. Haley's great grandmother lived on the Murray plantation near the church and most likely attended Cross Roads Church. Many slaves are buried in the church cemetery.

The present enrollment lists 172 members with a seating capacity of 300 in the sanctuary. The Women of the Church have three circles that meet monthly, - morning, afternoon, and evening.

Cross Roads has a distinct history. Her influence has been and will continue to be strong and invaluable, and her own roots grow very deep in the community.

....Submitted by Mrs. Blanche Thomas

-DOGWOOD ACRES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Asheboro-

In the mid 1940's, residents of the Dogwood Acres area of Asheboro began holding prayer services under the leadership of Mr. E. S. Hayes. A Sunday School was soon added, and after several years of steady growth, 186 adults, young people, and children petitioned Asheboro Presbyterian Church to hold regular preaching services and Sunday School classes in the community. The services were instituted with gratifying results.

The fledgling congregation, using cleaned bricks from the old depot building in downtown Asheboro, constructed a chapel at the present location on South Park Drive, and dedicated the building on Sunday, March 23, 1947. A new addition, doubling the size of the original church plant, was completed a month before Dogwood Acres became the 79th organized church in Orange Presbytery on August 2, 1953. There were 53 charter members, eight of whom are still active in the congregation.

In the 1960's, with the help of the Rev. Charles Fitzpatrick and the young people of Dogwood Acres, the Whispering Pines Presbyterian Church was organized in the Ulah community. Since that time the two churches have been served by the same pastor.

In 1955 the Women of the Church of First Church, Asheboro, assisted the women of Dogwood Acres in organizing and forming two circles. One of their activities, among many, in 1986 was arranging and delivering over 2,000 bouquets of roses to shut-ins. The women continue to be a very active part of the congregation.

....Submitted by Pearly Rives

- FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Durham -

This church was organized on December 31, 1871 by a pharmacist, Dr. Richard Blacknall. Dr. and Mrs. Blacknall (Sadie) were leaders in the congregation and worked to organize many mission churches, earning for First Church the name "mother church" in Durham. The first sanctuary was built in 1876, and the present building was constructed in 1916. In 1880, the Rev. Henry T. Darnall became the first full time minister. Since that time, nine other ministers, along with assistant/associate ministers, have served the congregation. The Rev. Joseph S. Harvard, III, is the current pastor, with the Rev. Arabella Meadows-Rogers as the associate pastor. The present membership is 680.

As early as 1890, the women of First Church had small study and mission groups. The present structure was organized by Mrs. George V. Wynne in 1917. During World War II, First Church became "a home away from home" for many service men. The church hostess, Mrs. Clara P. Matthis, with much assistance from the congregation, provided Sunday dinner and entertainment for many lonely men.

In 1955, First Church, Durham, sent the successful overture to General Assembly to ordain women as deacons and elders. Women from the congregation have been leaders at all judicatory levels. On February 23, 1983, Elder Jane D. Rourk was elected the first laywoman Moderator of Orange Presbytery. The vote for reunion was also made at this meeting. In 1961 the church made the commitment to "stay downtown" despite a changing population. A day school was opened in 1971 and the church's urban ministry has continued and expanded, supporting a community kitchen, a night shelter, and a job service. With vital leadership and God's help, the ministry goes on.

....Submitted by Virginia Antrim

- EAST BURLINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH -

In April, 1921, with \$500, the Men's Bible Class of Burlington's First Presbyterian Church purchased two lots on Dixie Street, the site of the "Old Fairground Gate." An open-air revival meeting was held on the church lot in July, and at the close of the meeting, a petition was circulated to secure names of those wishing to be organized into a church. On August 22, a commission from Orange Presbytery met on the church lot and organized the congregation with fifteen charter members. A temporary structure, used for five years, was erected, and services were conducted irregularly.

Built at a cost of \$8,500 in 1926, the new church building was a great undertaking for the 51 members, many of whom were children. The congregation received assistance from the Home Mission Committee of Presbytery and from friends at the First Presbyterian Church.

A women's organization, with Mrs. Troy Conklin as President, began in 1924, and was reorganized by Mrs. S. M. Rankin in 1932. At the present time, the Women of the Church play a very important part in the work of East Burlington Church. Special emphasis is placed on World Missions, and the women support the church with their time, talents, and financial assistance. Seven women are presently serving on the Session of East Burlington Presbyterian Church.

....Submitted by Mrs. Harold Stanfield

- FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Eden -

The congregation known today as the First Presbyterian Church of Eden had its origin when the Leaksville Presbyterian Church was organized in 1860 with eight charter members. By the early 1900's, this congregation had grown to 103. In 1912, some of the members traveling from the Spray area to attend worship decided to organize their own church. Thirty years later, however, these two small churches realized they could be more effective if they reunited, and the union took place on March 22, 1942. They were chartered by the Presbytery of Orange as the First Presbyterian Church of Leaksville. The new church building was constructed half way between the two former churches, and the Rev. John C. Whitley became the pastor.

During those years of financial struggle, the women of the congregation worked endless hours in the kitchen, preparing suppers to raise money to help pay for the new church building. In the same manner, the present organization, Women of the Church, has provided support in every endeavor, whether financial, educational, or spiritual, to undergird and nurture the growth of the congregation.

When Leaksville, Spray, and Draper became one municipality (Eden) in 1967, First Church, Leaksville, became the First Presbyterian Church of Eden. There have been only three pastors in the forty-five years: Rev. Whitley, Rev. Robert S. Wells (1974-1985), and the current pastor, Rev. Dr. S. Jay Click, who came to the church in November, 1986. The congregation is presently made up of 400 members.

....Submitted by Marianne Price

- EFLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH -

In 1908, a small group of Presbyterians met under some trees in Efland to consider organizing a new Presbyterian church. As a result, Efland Presbyterian Church was formally organized on November 1, 1908, with twenty charter members. The first pastor was the Rev. M. C. Arrowood, and a church building was completed in 1910.

In 1952 the congregation received a large bequest from the estate of one of the members. Since the original building was in need of much renovation, the congregation voted to use a portion of the estate funds to construct a new sanctuary. The present church building was dedicated on January 25, 1959.

The congregation continues to serve God and the people of this small community in west central Orange County.

...Submitted by Dot McAdams

- ENO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Cedar Grove -

In the early 1770's parts of the present territory of Orange Presbytery were being settled by Scotch-Irish families, many of them Presbyterians. They built "meeting houses" and held services. Among the missionaries coming down from Philadelphia and New Jersey was the Rev. Hugh McAden who recorded in his journal in 1755 that he preached to "the Eno congregation on the second sabbath of August."

The first meeting of a Presbytery ever held in North Carolina was on October 2, 1765, a meeting of Hanover Presbytery held at Lower Hico, a meeting at which a call was presented to the Rev. Henry Patillo from the three congregations of Eno, Hawfields, and Little River. Twenty-nine pastors have served the Eno Church since that time, many in yoked ministry with neighboring congregations. During the pastorate of the Rev. Jacob Lake (1786-1794) the Cross Roads Church was organized from members of Hawfields, Eno, and Stoney Creek. When the Rev. Samuel Paisley served Eno (1816-1834), Fairfield Church was organized, (Mr. Paisley's report to Presbytery in 1822 gave Eno's membership as 55 whites and 11 blacks), and Efland and North Eno Churches were organized during the pastorate of the Rev. M. C. Arrowood (1905-1910).

A booklet recounting the many events in Eno's long history, the pastors, the various buildings, and the outstanding leaders was compiled by Miss Annie L. Hughes in 1955 for the 200th anniversary homecoming celebration.

On March 22, 1925, Eno's first Woman's Auxiliary was organized with Clyde Hill McDade (Mrs. C. S.) as the first president. Now organized as the Women of the Church, the women continue active in all phases of church activities.

....Submitted by Marie Wells

- ERNEST MYATT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Raleigh -

In 1907 a Sunday School was started in a school building about five miles south of Raleigh. The Men's Bible Class of the First Presbyterian Church of Raleigh helped with the organization and the teaching. Shortly after that the Rev. William McClanahan White, D.D., minister of the First Church, started preaching on two Sunday afternoons a month and continued this practice for more than 25 years. The first members were ten young children who were baptized in December, 1911 - they became the genesis of the Ernest Myatt Church. Only two of the charter members are living, two sisters, Bessie Morgan Cameron and Effie Morgan Moore.

A church building was erected in 1915 on land given by William A. Myatt and named after his son Ernest who brought about the conversion of his father. Since that time the sanctuary has been enlarged and two educational wings have been added. The Rev. Hayes Clark became the first full-time minister in 1946. During his ministry, Sunday School and church services were held for the first time on Sunday mornings. The church has had several ministers since that time, and it continues to grow and spread a Christian witness. The current membership is approximately 270. During the lifetime of Ernest Myatt, six young members have entered full-time Christian service.

....Submitted by Brenda Buffaloe

-FAIRVIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Selma-

Fairview Presbyterian Church was organized November 12, 1922, and the Rev. Neill McInnis became the first pastor. Other pastors who have served this congregation include: the Rev. A.M. Mitchell, the Rev. D. F. Waddell, the Rev. Neill R. McGeachy, the Rev. C. F. Allen, the Rev. J. D. Withrow, the Rev. Howard F. Newman, the Rev. Denver Blevins, the Rev. William Chapell, the Rev. Delman Watson, the Rev. Charles Love, the Rev. Carson Murphey, the Rev. E. D. McMahan, and the Rev. McCormic.

In 1973 Fairview Church joined with six other churches to form SOAM with the Rev. James McDaniels, the Rev. Richard Hildebrandt, and the Rev. Fred McCaskill-Baker as pastors. In 1980 the Rev. William H. Jarrett served as pastor, and the Rev. Ethel Simonetti is the current pulpit supply. There are 40 active members on roll.

The Women of the Church is an active organization with 25 members. Edna Stallings, Pat Narron, and Pauline Creech have attended Montreat conferences, and three - Miss Mamie Bailey, Mayune Creech, and Trencie Corbett - have been honored with Life Memberships. The women have also hosted the annual meeting of District VII.

....Submitted by Ethel Strickland

- FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Greensboro -

In early 1956, the Church Extension Committee of Orange Presbytery purchased four acres on West Friendly Avenue to establish a new Presbyterian congregation to serve this rapidly growing community. On March 24, 1957, a get-acquainted meeting was held at the Guilford College Grange Hall, and the group began to meet regularly every other Sunday afternoon. Two months later forty-nine charter members were officially organized into the Faith Presbyterian Church. The meeting was held in the Starmount Church with Dr. T. Henry Patterson delivering the sermon. By November 10th of that year, a new church building was ready for the first service of worship. Dr. John A. Womeldorf was called as the first pastor.

The years since then have witnessed a steady growth in membership and an equal growth in the physical property of Faith. In the early 1970's, a new education building was added, containing eight classrooms, a kitchen, fellowship hall, and parlor. Faith continues to see this addition used as a home for many community organizations.

In an area of rapid growth, Faith continues to hold out the gospel witness, and through its commitment, will continue to impact the Guilford College area with the good news of Christ's love.

....Submitted by Bonnie Maready



- FELLOWSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Greensboro -

Thinking about a new Presbyterian Church in northwest Greensboro began as early as 1962. Called together by the Church Extension Committee of Orange Presbytery, prospective members began meeting each Sunday at Claxton School and on Wednesdays in members' homes. The good fellowship found in these meetings supplied the name for this new congregation. Officially organized with 108 charter members on April 11, 1965, the new Fellowship Presbyterian Church called the Rev. Marion Harvey Currie as the first pastor.

Other pastors serving this congregation have been the Rev. Robert E. Button, Dr. Joseph M. Garrison, and the present minister, Dr. M. Gray Clark, who came to the church in June of 1979.

A temporary two-story educational building was completed by 1969 on Richfield Road, and in 1981, under the strong leadership of Dr. Clark and many active lay leaders, plans were made for building a new sanctuary. In March of 1984, the long dreamed goal of a new sanctuary was finally accomplished and the first service of worship and celebration was held in the new building on Sunday, March 25. It was indeed a joyous day for the Fellowship Church to have this beautiful new building in which to worship and praise God, giving thanks for His Son, Jesus Christ, to whom we dedicate this sanctuary.

....Submitted by Pat Caffey and Addison Hill

-FOREST HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, High Point-

Forest Hills Presbyterian Church, organized May 7, 1961, held its first worship service the following Sunday. The Rev. Samuel R. Hope became the first minister. The second and present pastor, the Rev. Charles R. Carter, came to the congregation on November 15, 1967.

The first unit of the church plant, an educational and fellowship building, was completed in 1964, and the sanctuary, the second unit, was dedicated April 4, 1971. Construction is underway for the third step - a church parlor, fellowship space, and a new kitchen.

With a present membership of 246, the congregation strongly emphasizes Christian nurture, community service, and outreach. The High Point Preschool Enrichment Center for handicapped children and the Teen Moms Program operate in the educational building five days a week, twelve months of the year. The operating budget of the church gives generously to a number of community agencies.

The Women of the Church was organized with forty charter members on May 10, 1961. - Currently there are 112 members and four active circles. The Women of Orange Presbytery have awarded Honorary Life Memberships to Mrs. Mary Hart and Mrs. Tommie Thomas of the Forest Hills WOC. Tommie is the immediate Past President of the Women of Orange Presbytery. Placing great emphasis on community service, the women of Forest Hills continually strive to serve Christ in their day-to-day activities.

....Submitted by Jayne Lutz



-FUQUAY-VARINA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH-

A commission appointed by Albemarle Presbytery and meeting at the Fuquay Springs public school on October 27, 1913, organized the Varina Presbyterian Church with 21 charter members. The Rev. James E. Hemphill, a member of the Commission, became the first pastor.

In 1914, under the pastorate of the Rev. Ben R. Lacy, Jr., a church building was erected on the corner of Ennis and Oak Streets on land given by Mary Ennis and Theophilus Stephenson. During the ministry of J. Cecil Lawrence (1935-45), a new manse was built and, with the help of Elder S. F. Lee and others, the White Memorial Church was established in Johnston County. The present steeple was added in 1949, an organ was installed in 1950, and on March 1, 1954, the Rev. Charles E. Parrish became the first full time minister. The present educational building was constructed under the leadership of Leo Matthews on land given by Sophia and Lynwood Stephenson, and the sanctuary was renovated and enlarged. The Rev. W. Eugene Pierce the present pastor, was installed in March 1986.

The Women of the Church organization is active in all phases of the life of the church and in the community. The women are grateful for the opportunities to further God's Word and Work. It has been through His guiding hand that goals have been reached and a deeper Christian fellowship among the women has been achieved.

....Submitted by Janet S. Robinson

- FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Garner

October 1954 - A group met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Westbrook to discuss possibilities for the establishment of a Presbyterian Church in Garner. This led to Tuesday night prayer meetings in the American Legion Building on Main Street and later in the cafeteria of the Garner Elementary School.

September 1955 - The Women's Circle of the new mission affiliated with the women of the Ernest Myatt Church. Mrs. Marget Howell was elected the first president.

September 23, 1956 - The church, with thirty-one charter members, was officially organized with the help of Granville Presbytery, and the Rev. Samuel A. Burgess was installed as the first pastor. A vacated Baptist Church building on Old Rand Road had been purchased in the spring.

August 1964 - Groundbreaking ceremonies for a new building were held, and the first services in the new sanctuary were on Easter Sunday of 1965. An electronic organ was presented to the congregation by Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Westbrook and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Carroll.

January 1965 - Mrs. Thelma Updegraff was ordained as the first woman elder in Granville Presbytery. From 1975 to 1980, Mrs. "Boots" Berryhill served as the first woman Clerk of Session, and in 1981, Mrs. Peggy Wilkins was installed as the first woman Chairman of the Diaconate.

The present - Mr. Burgess continues as pastor with a congregation of 223 members. We thank God for His many blessings and pray First Church will continue to grow in His service.

....Submitted by Mrs. Julia Nowell and Mrs. "Boots" Berryhill

- GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Oxford -

Although the records indicate that Geneva Presbyterian Church was not organized until 1833, the true inception of the church must be placed nearly fifty years earlier. Through the efforts of three Presbyterians a "meeting house" was built near the present community of Providence, and a number of attempts were made over the next thirty to forty years to have a well-organized Presbyterian Church, first, as the Providence Church and then as the Sharon Church.

Finally, on May 13, 1833, the Presbytery of Orange changed the name of Sharon to Geneva and authorized a search for a full-time minister. Mr. William Clement deeded a tract of five acres to the new church and the First Church of Oxford made a gift of an old building. This was used to erect a church structure that stood until 1926 when a number of additions were begun. New classrooms, a choir loft, and a fellowship hall have been added to the original building.

The first women's organization was in 1929, and the women continue to be the main force for program and evangelism in the church and in the community. A yearly Christmas pageant, begun in 1932, continues to use the same costumes and programs to this date. The first Vacation Bible School was held at Geneva in 1937 with an enrollment of 186 adults and children, and although the numbers are smaller, the church continues to hold a Vacation Bible School every summer. Geneva has never been a large church, but it has been a "guardian of traditions" and the basis for a stable community life as it has provided a center for community activities.

....Submitted by Irene C. Boykin

- GLENWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Greensboro -

A Sunday School on Gregory Street alerted the pastors of the Presbyterian Churches of Greensboro to the possibilities for a new church in the Glenwood community, and a committee was set to work in October, 1910. On July 6, 1914, the Rev. R. Murphy Williams reported to a joint meeting of the Sessions of First Church, Westminster Church, and the Church of the Covenant, that the latter congregation would give their building for a new church in Glenwood if the other two churches would bear the expense of removal and re-erection. The proposal was accepted, a lot on Glenwood Avenue was purchased, and the building removal and re-erection was completed November 3, 1914. The first service was held in the new building the following Sunday, and Mr. E. P. Wharton was elected Superintendent of the Sunday School. On September 20, 1916, a Commission from Orange Presbytery organized the 74 members into the Glenwood Presbyterian Church, and the Rev. Joseph Walker became the first pastor.

The church was badly damaged by fire in March of 1943, but through herculean efforts, was rebuilt immediately. The present building was constructed in 1960. After the 40th anniversary, a Sunday School outpost was begun at Murphy School and money was given toward a manse for what was to become St. Paul Church. Leaders went from Glenwood to Vandalia and Sedgfield to help establish those congregations. The Rev. Gary Fravel, the present pastor, and the Glenwood congregation continue active in the Lord's work and supportive of each other, knowing that Glenwood is indeed a very special place.

....Submitted by Mrs. Keith Smith

- GRAHAM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH -

The Graham Presbyterian Church, organized by Orange Presbytery on December 8, 1850, included 27 charter members. The congregation met in the County Courthouse before a building was erected on the present site. The brick structure which had replaced the original wooden church was razed to its foundation about 1900 and a new building replaced it. The present facility was completed in 1966.

Always a mission-minded congregation, the church has initiated many outposts in the area. The First Presbyterian Church of Burlington began as a mission of the Graham congregation in 1879. and the present Bethany Church was started under the leadership of Graham's pastor, George Summey (1881-1884). Sons and daughters of Graham have filled significant roles in Christian service: Arthur T. Walker, who served zealously at Glade Valley School; John A. McMurray, Joseph G. Walker, and Watt N. Cooper who became ministers of the denomination; and many others in educational and religious capacities. The present membership is approximately 680.

A Sunday School was organized and a Ladies' Aid Society was formed in the 1860's. With the Ladies' Missionary Society and the Busy Bee Missionary Society for Young People (1895), these pioneer organizations became the present Women of the Church. Their accomplishments continue to make a major contribution to the overall program of the church.

....Submitted by Durward T. Stokes and Alice Essen

1750

-GRASSY CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Stovall-

It appears from court records, presbytery minutes, and other documents that the Grassy Creek Presbyterian Church was organized in the mid-1750's by members of the Hanover, Virginia, congregation of the Rev. Samuel Davis. Session minutes indicate that the Rev. Gilbert Tennent, founder of the "Log Cabin College and Seminary" to train early Presbyterian ministers, served the first celebration of the Lord's Supper in a house located on the Grassy Creek stream near the present city of Stovall in the late 1750's. In the Granville County Courthouse there is a document filed August, 1762, which declares that in keeping with Acts of Toleration a tract of land on Grassy Creek had been set aside by the Presbyterians in that area "...as a place for public worship of God, according to the practice of Protestant dissenters of the Presbyterian denomination."

The Rev. Tennent returned to Granville County in 1762 to preach at the Grassy Cheek Church, and in 1763, the congregation called their first fulltime pastor, the Rev. James Criswell. A new church building was constructed on the banks of the Grassy Creek in 1833 to meet the needs of a growing congregation; this despite the fact that four churches had already been formed in other parts of the county by members who wanted their church nearer than 20-30 miles by horseback or buggy. This building was moved to its present location in the city of Stovall in 1889, due to the growth of that city as a trade center, and with only slight renovations it is unchanged in appearance. At least six churches in the area are known direct descendents of this congregation. The membership of Grassy Creek currently consists of three women and three men, and services are held regularly in this historic old church on the first and third Sundays of every month.

....Submitted by Sue B. Huggins

- FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Greensboro -

The First Presbyterian Church of Greensboro was organized under the leadership of the Rev. William Denny Paisley on October 3, 1824. There were twelve charter members, four of whom were slaves. From these humble beginnings, the church has grown to be one of the seven Presbyterian Churches in the United States with memberships of more than 4,000 members. First Church's current membership is 4,500.

In 1832, with 38 members, the first church building was completed, and in 1844 the Rev. John A. Gretter became the first pastor. Under his leadership, a larger structure was erected in 1846. Following the Rev. Gretter's death in 1855, the Rev. J. Jones Smythe served the congregation for four years. In 1859, Dr. Jacob Henry Smith began a pastorate that continued for 38 years.

During the War between the States, the church building served as a hospital for the wounded. In 1868, the black members withdrew and established St. James Presbyterian Church, still flourishing today and yoked with First Church in many areas. By 1892, the third church building had been erected on the original site. That building is presently occupied by the Greensboro Historical Museum.

At Dr. Smith's death, his son, the Rev. Egbert Smith, served the congregation for ten years, and was followed by the Rev. R. Melton Clark. In 1916, with a membership of 1,034, Dr. Charles F. Myers began a pastorate that continued until 1945, and because the congregation doubled in size during that period, the present church structure was built in 1929.

Dr. John A. Redhead, Jr. served a twenty-five year pastorate from 1945 to 1970 during which time the Memorial Building and the Corl Building were added. In 1955, a second Sunday morning service became necessary and has continued since that time.

In 1971, Dr. Joseph B. Mullin came to First Church. Under his direction, several community outreach ministries have been developed and are in effect throughout the city. A Heritage and Mission Campaign in 1985 resulted in the renovation of the church sanctuary and church facilities, a permanent endowment fund, and \$500,000 given to benevolent causes.

The women of First Church have worked faithfully since the organization of the Greensboro Female Benevolent Society in 1830. A Women's Missionary Society was begun in 1875; the Ladies Aid Society in 1895; and by 1912, the Busy Girls Society (still active as the Bethany Circle) and the Woman's Auxiliary were organized to serve as helping hands for the ministers and the Session. Eventually, the Women of the Church evolved and is presently composed of twenty active circles of about 1,800 members.

....Submitted by Jane W. Kellett

- GREENWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Reidsville -

In 1883, because of the great distance of three miles from her family home, Greenwood, Mary Montgomery Clack began a Sunday school in her home. In 1887, with five of Mrs. Clack's daughters helping with the teaching, the Sunday school was moved into a small log cabin, soon to be known as Clack's Chapel. A church building was completed June 8, 1893, and the first worship was lead by Dr. D. I. Craig, pastor of the Reidsville Presbyterian Church.

On October 20, 1908, a petition was presented to Orange Presbytery requesting that Clack's Chapel be organized as a church. The commission met at the chapel on June 20, 1909, and Greenwood Presbyterian Church was organized with fourteen charter members.

The Women's Auxiliary of Greenwood was organized March 6, 1924, in the home of Mamie Clack by Minna Daniel, daughter-in-law of Sallie Clack Daniel. The women met twice monthly for Bible study, prayer, and service to the church and community. Mrs. Daniel later served as District Chairman for the Presbyterial. In 1983 our Women of the Church organization became the Minna Montgomery Daniel Circle. We are a small church of 100 active members. We are proud of our heritage and we pray for God's blessings and continued guidance.

....Submitted by Brownie Toler



- GRIERS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Leasburg -

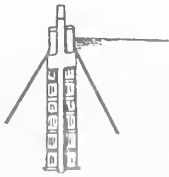
Griers Church, organized in 1753, is the oldest church in Orange Presbytery; the oldest organized group in Caswell County. It started on the banks of the Hyco Creek where the staunch Presbyterians met under arbors and in homes. A church building was erected in the forks of Hyco Creek (Road 1723) a few miles from the present church. A second site, adjoining the first, was purchased in 1835 for \$12.71. First called Upper Hyco, the name of the church was changed to Griers in 1809. The deed (hand written) to the site of the present church, built in 1856, states that the spring was to be available to "all worshipers and their horses."

At first Griers was served by itinerant preachers and evangelists. The first "settled" pastor was the Rev. Hugh McAden. Over thirty ministers have served the church from 1753 to 1988, most of whom had responsibility for two or more congregations.

The women of the church are very active, and have made a great difference in the spiritual quality of the church as well as in the care and upkeep of the building. One project completed in June, 1987, was the discovery, (church attic), restoration, refinishing, and hanging of the original old shutters. Elder Cornelia W. Satterfield, who is presently serving as Clerk of Session, served on the Board of Church Extension for several years.

The church membership has ranged from 12 in 1877 to 73 in 1901 and is currently at 50. These faithful and dedicated few have kept the church in good repair and in continued service. Several ministers, missionaries, and many fine Christians have gone out from this congregation.

....Submitted by Elder Minnie Margaret Butler



- GUILFORD PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Greensboro -

Following the end of World War II, rapid residential growth began in the northwest section of Greensboro. In 1946, the Buffalo Presbyterian Church began the process which ultimately led to the organization of the Guilford Park Presbyterian Church.

The growing fellowship of believers began its worship under a large oak tree, still standing, some 30 yards southeast of the intersection of Fernwood Drive and Fairfield Drive. The Church School was organized July 13, 1947, with Lacy D. Wyrick from the Buffalo Church as Superintendent. On January 13, 1948, Orange Presbytery affirmed the organizing petition of 61 people, and on February 15, the church was organized. The Women of the Church was organized two days later.

The original chapel building was named McGinnis Hall in honor of the first pastor, the Rev. James W. McGinnis, and it served all church activities until the present sanctuary was built in 1956. This new facility is notable for its integrity of purpose. Twelve stained glass windows, depicting the eleven Apostles and Paul, surround the stone cross which is part of the sanctuary wall, visible to those worshipping within and to the world outside. The creative hands of the congregation are evidenced all through the building. The Birdseye Education Building honoring the second pastor, the Rev. Irving E. Birdseye, was completed in 1960. A Walcker tracker action pipe organ was installed in 1966. The present Fellowship Hall was built in 1973. The Holy Spirit's movement through the congregation has been a hallmark in the church's life, permeating worship, fellowship, and service to each other and to the community.

....Submitted by Sherrill Gray from information compiled by Mary Keating

- GULF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH -

Although there were Presbyterian families in the Gulf area in the early 1800's, it was not until January, 1882, that the Gulf Presbyterian Church was organized by Orange Presbytery under the leadership of the Rev. P. R. Laws. Including two baptized children, there were 17 charter members. In the early 1870's, a union Sunday School had been organized with the Episcopal Church and met in the Parish House until a church building could be erected by the Presbyterian congregation. Mr. John M. McIver served as Superintendent of the Sunday School until his death, giving faithful service for more than fifty years. Gulf Church was transferred to the Fayetteville Presbytery in 1889 and records indicate that the Presbytery met at the Gulf Church in April 1895. The congregation was returned to Orange Presbytery in 1923.

Throughout the years evangelistic work, preaching, and visiting were done throughout the community. A Christian Endeavor Society flourished for many years. Wednesday night prayer meetings were faithfully attended, and Bible study groups met in the homes of members. The membership of Gulf Church has always been small, yet through the years the congregation has had great and lasting influences on the community. Many of her members have held honorable positions in the churches to which they have moved. Those who remain are faithful to the work of the Kingdom.

....Submitted by Pauline Cole



- HAWFIELDS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Mebane -

The accepted date of organization for the Hawfields Church is 1755, although the first mention of the church by name occurs in the minutes of The Synod of Philadelphia, May 26, 1757. Three miles northeast of the present site, a granite marker indicates the general location of the first sanctuary and accompanying "burial grounds." A log structure built prior to 1780 and replaced by a frame structure in 1800 is marked on the northern edge of the present cemetery or "Second Burial Grounds." The sanctuary as it now stands was completed in 1854 and contains its original handmade pews, slave gallery, and oil lamps (now electrified). The Session House (construction date unknown) began serving as a school for the children of Hawfields in 1887. Two generations of children were educated there before public school was organized. Additional construction of facilities include Sunday school rooms in 1923, Fellowship building in 1949, a new manse in 1956, Educational building in 1965, The Presbyterian Home of Hawfields, Inc., in 1984, and a Child Care and Development Center.

In 1770, the new Presbytery Orange was organized in the Hawfields Church, and the Rev. Henry Patillo, first settled minister of the church, was elected Moderator. More than 22 ministers and many unknown missionaries (1755-1765) have served Hawfields. Eleven persons have entered the ministry from this congregation, and the church has shared in the organization of eight of the neighboring churches. Hawfields Church in 1986 reported a membership of 527.

Earliest records show that the Ladies Missionary Society of Hawfields was organized on May 25, 1885. Some years later, the name of the Society was changed to Woman's Auxiliary, and since the arrival of Mrs. N. N. Fleming in 1926, the Hawfields Auxiliary (now the Women of the Church) has been extremely active, continuing to serve within the congregation and throughout the community.

....Submitted by Mrs. Katy Strother

- HEBRON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Oxford -

Hebron Presbyterian Church was established in 1915, and the present building was erected in 1948. In 1967 an addition was erected to be used as Sunday school classrooms, a fellowship hall, and a nice kitchen. Some of the former pastors include The Rev. Eugene Musslewhite, the Rev. Robert Cochran, the Rev. Foster Smith, the Rev. J. W. Young, the Rev. A. M. Earl, and the Rev. R. L. Berry. At the present time, the Rev. George Wendell Crofoot, Jr., serves the congregation, and there are twenty members on roll.

Mrs. Sue Evans, Mrs. Nancy Woodlief, Mr. Ernest Dixon, Mrs. Ella Jean Evans, and Mrs. Virginia Moon have been awarded Honorary Lifetime Memberships as outstanding leaders of the church.

Sunday School is held each Sunday, and preaching services are conducted each second and fourth Sundays. The celebration of holidays holds a special place in the program life of the congregation, and Vacation Bible School is always an event that is greatly enjoyed. The Women of the Church organization strives to do whatever is needed to extend love, support, and fellowship for the church and the community. Fellowship is very important in the congregation.

-34-Submitted by Mrs. Virginia Moon

1868

- FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Henderson -

The First Presbyterian Church of Henderson was organized by a commission from Orange Presbytery on Sunday, August 29, 1868. There were thirteen charter members and three elders - Dr. John R. Hicks, Dr. Robert J. Hicks, and Mr. Henry T. Watkins, all former elders in Nutbush Presbyterian Church in Townsville. The congregation has been part of three Presbyteries: Orange, Albemarle (1889), Granville (1923), and once more Orange in 1972.

The first structure to house the congregation was a small wooden building on William Street near the intersection of Spring Street. In 1878 a second building was erected on Breckenridge Street, and with no courthouse in Henderson at the time, court was often held in this church building. A brick structure was built on the present site in 1881 with a Sunday School Assembly Room added in 1900. And in 1929 the present sanctuary with attached classrooms was built. An educational building was added in 1960. Twenty-two pastors have served this congregation, beginning with the Rev. Edward Hines, the Rev. Thomas U. Faucette, and the Rev. D. E. Jordan, (the first resident pastor). The Rev. T. Ewen Holmes, the present minister, was installed in June, 1986. Membership now stands at 335. The Women of the Church are active in every phase of the life of the congregation.

....Submitted by Deborah Bryan

- FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, High Point -

Presbyterianism came to High Point when a staunch Presbyterian, Eli Denny, purchased a tract of land and moved his family to the area. The Rev. Pleasant Hunter Dalton, a highly educated and devout Christian, joined with Mr. Denny in establishing a church in a strong Quaker community. On September 3, 1859, the First Presbyterian Church was organized with eleven charter members and the Rev. Dalton as the first pastor. Services were held the following day in the completed church building, replacing the first place of worship under an old oak tree. The congregation now worships in its third building located at the corner of North Main Street and East Parkway Avenue, and the present membership is 1,139. Dr. Scott Woodmansee, who came in 1983, and Dr. Carl Rush, Associate, serve the church currently.

First Church, High Point, is the mother church of four other Presbyterian churches in the area: Brentwood; Crestwood; Randolph; and Forest Hills.

Early records indicate the women's group was known as the Missionary Society in 1885. Several name changes later, the organization became the present Women of the Church. There has always been generous support for benevolences at the local and the Presbyterial level. One of the members, Mrs. Hunter Dalton, Sr. (Frances Ennis) was an outstanding Presbyterial President, (1952-1955). Under the capable leadership of the current President, Betty Recoulley, the Women of the Church look forward to new challenges as Presbyterian Women.

....Submitted by Jane Hunt



- HILLSBOROUGH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH -

Almost surrounded by colonial gravestones, the three buildings of the Hillsborough Presbyterian Church stand on Lot 98 in the town of Hillsborough, a lot set aside by early settlers "for a church, a school, and a graveyard." After the Church of England, built on this site, burned in the late 1700's, there was no church in town for several years. Then in order to foster the cause of religion, town officials constructed a simple brick building, rectangular in shape with a hipped roof, which is the present sanctuary for the Hillsborough Church.

Because town officials offered the building to the first group to organize a church and call a minister, Dr. John Knox Witherspoon organized the Hillsborough Presbyterian Church and became its first pastor on September 25, 1816. Believed to be the oldest Presbyterian structure in continuous use in the Synod of North Carolina, the church's original pews are still in use. The old slave gallery, though not for the purpose of segregation, still serves the congregation.

Dr. Witherspoon was pastor until 1833. Eighteen additional ministers have provided spiritual leadership through the intervening years, including the present pastor, the Rev. Richard Hildebrandt. The membership now stands at 173. On July 6, 1987, an early morning fire badly damaged the education building, and the sanctuary and fellowship hall, (Strudwick Hall) received heavy smoke and water damage. Under wise, dedicated commission leadership, reconstruction is now underway.

....Submitted by Mrs. Floyd Boyce

- HILLVIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Reidsville -

Hillview Presbyterian Church was organized October 23, 1949, as an outgrowth of a Sunday school started in April of 1947 in a three room log house belonging to A.P. Sands. The Sunday School soon outgrew the original building and a new location, a mile and a half from the airport on Groom's Road, was donated by Lewis W. Apple. The success of this endeavor is largely due to the untiring efforts of B. M. Barker, superintendent of the Sunday school from the very beginning, and the many faithful teachers who have assisted him. The current membership stands at 30.

The Women of the Church, originally organized as the Ladies Missionary Society, includes all the women of the church and has been a vital force from the beginning. The women have endeavored to carry out the program recommended by the Committee on Women's Work. Projects for the past three years include dressing dolls for the Salvation Army, rolling bandages for White Cross, and helping those in need in our community.

....Submitted by Hilda C. Allen



- HUDSON MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Raleigh -

October 27, 1957, saw the newest church in the Granville (now Orange) Presbytery commissioned and formally organized in Raleigh. The Charter Roll revealed a membership of sixty one persons, all of whom voted to call the Rev. Frank T. Lemmon to be the first minister. The congregation also voted unanimously to name their new church the Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church, honoring the memory of the late Karl G. Hudson, long a vital force in the spread of the message of the Presbyterian Church.

The first meeting to formulate plans for a Women of the Church organization at Hudson Memorial was on November 20, 1957. The actual date of organization was January 2, 1958, with twenty eight active members. Mrs. L. P. Stephens was the first president. In 1958, the Women of the Church had three circles with a yearly budget of \$310. Today, with eight circles, the budget is \$1500.

Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church now has over 1300 members. The ministerial staff includes Dr. Robert E. Fields, Jr., and three associates, Dr. A. D. Ellison, Rev. Debbie Taylor, and Rev. Felicia Stewart-Hoyle. The Women of the Church organization has 502 members with fifteen women serving as Elders. In 1986, to improve communication with the membership, a WOC newsletter - called the Ms Arcade - was begun. The present organization is the result of thirty years of faithful dedication and the generous giving of the time, talent, and treasure of many.

....Submitted by Heather Monroe

- JAMESTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH -

Jamestown is a small community surrounded by High Point and Greensboro with many residents employed by large corporations and, therefore, subject to frequent transfer. As a result, the Jamestown Presbyterian Church is a very fluid organization. Its first service of worship was on October 8, 1967, led by the Rev. Milton McNeely Foust in the Jamestown Town Hall. A year later, ten acres of land on Guilford Road was purchased by Orange Presbytery, and on December 7, 1969, the congregation was formally organized. The church grew rapidly, and the following September moved into the newly constructed building. The present pastor is the Rev. Lawrence W. Avent and there is now a membership of approximately 500 with plans underway for building a new addition. George Sinclair and Dennis Moore of the Jamestown congregation have been ordained to the pastoral ministry.

The Women of the Church organization began soon after the church was established. Vivian Carson is the current President. Past Presidents include Loyce Lesley, Julia Fish, Lela Jones, Mary Hamil, Ruth Shoemaker, Barbara Bentley, and Dawn Kinney.

A new housing development is under construction in the area. The Jamestown congregation looks forward to serving their needs for worship, fellowship, education, and service. As valuable, active Jamestown members continue to be transferred to other areas of the country and new members come in to take their places, Jamestown Church remains steadfast in its service to Jesus Christ.

- JOYCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Stoneville -

Joyce Presbyterian Church began in 1905, as an outpost chapel of the Stoneville Church. It was named in honor of the predominant family name in the rural community west of Stoneville. Land for the chapel and cemetery was given by the Robert L. Joyce family.

The base of the chimney of that original log chapel stands today as a reminder of the zeal of its founders. The present church building was erected in 1930 and renovated in 1945; a fellowship wing was added a few years later. When the Joyce school closed, the bell from the school was hung in the chapel tower. The tower is built in the form of a hand with the index finger pointing toward heaven, signifying the mission of the church to direct man toward God.

The chapel was served by pastors of the Madison Presbyterian Church in its earlier years and more recently has been supplied by retired ministers. Organized as a church in 1961, the congregation today has a small but dedicated membership. The Sunday School, begun in 1905, continues, and the Women of the Church enjoy a weekly all-day fellowship around a quilting frame, the proceeds of their labor helping to sustain the needs of the church. Worship services under the leadership of retired minister Robert Lee Turner are held each Sunday except for the second Sunday of each month when the members share in the worship of the Stoneville Presbyterian Church.

....Submitted by Cora Anne Turner



-KENLY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH-

Kenly Presbyterian Church was organized on December 19, 1890, under the leadership of the Rev. Robert L. Bell and Evangelist W. C. Maxwell. There were twelve charter members (seven male and 5 female), meeting in a small wood building on land donated by Dr. J. C. Grady. The present brick structure was built in 1914 during the pastorate of the Rev. G. F. Kirkpatrick.

Some of the other pastors who have served this church were: the Revs. C. C. Clark, C. F. Allen, Charlie Parrish, Wilkes McCauley, William A. Leist, DeWitt Helms, James McDaniels, I. M. Bagnal, Richard Hildebrandt, and Arthur Courtenay. The present Interim Pastor is the Rev. Frank Tobey, and the current membership of the church is 34.

The Women of the Church was organized in 1900 with fifteen members, and celebrated the Diamond Anniversary on October 17, 1965. The present membership is 23. Mrs. Elizabeth Kirby Renfrow was the first woman Elder. Some of our outstanding members have been Mrs. J. H. Barnes, Mrs. W. H. Edgerton, Mrs. J. C. Grady, Mrs. Eloise Eskridge, Mrs. Elsie McRacken, Miss Bertha Edgerton, Mrs. Linda Flowers, Mrs. Theramae Jackson, Mrs. Harvey Atkinson, Mrs. Mary Powell, and Mrs. Helen Boyette. Mrs. Elsie McRacken was honored with a Life Membership in October of 1978. At present, Mrs. Theramae Jackson is serving at the Presbytery level as Chairman of District VII.

....Submitted by Helen Boyette

- KIRK OF KILDAIRE, PRESBYTERIAN, Cary -



Kirk of Kildaire, Presbyterian, was chartered on October 28, 1979, with 92 members and E. D. Witherspoon as pastor. Two women were ordained and installed on the first session. In November 1979, the Women of the Church was chartered with one organized circle, and Dorothy Greene was the first president. The women worked to nurture the fledgling congregation and continuing projects include support of the Dorcas Shop, Dorothea Dix Hospital, and the Atwater Rest Home. A cross stitched plaque for baptized children in the congregation began during the WOC presidency of Wendy Segreti, and under Linda Humphrey's guidance, the women began working the two Cary routes of Meals on Wheels twice a month. With six circles by 1985, Joan DeBose initiated preparing and serving monthly meals at the Ark, an Urban Ministries project for the homeless in Raleigh.

Dr. Roger Jackle was installed as pastor in August, 1983, and in December, 1985, the congregation moved into a new building which includes a kitchen, five classrooms, two offices and work space, in addition to a multipurpose sanctuary. At present there are 375 members, two of whom are now ministers of the Word: Susan D'Arcy Fricks and Robert Francis Cleveland.

The Kirk women have always budgeted one-half of their pledges to the Kirk budget for benevolences. There are currently nine circles: four traditional, two craft, one affiliate (they do not meet but cook twice a month for the Ark and the Seniors' Dinner), a 3-D diet group, and a Bible study group. Pat Vaughn served the WOC of Orange Presbytery as Leadership and Resources Chair (1984-1986).

....Submitted by Janet H. Holcombe

- LITTLE RIVER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Hurdle Mills -

The Little River Presbyterian Church, organized in 1761, was built on land given by Mr. John Murdock. The Earl of Granville had deeded the land to Mr. Murdock in 1700. The Rev. Henry Patillo was called to minister to the Little River congregation and two other churches - Eno and Hawfields.

There have been many outstanding leaders in the church. Mr. Edmund Latta, one example, served as an active elder for over fifty years. During his service, the church grew to a point of calling a full time pastor, and while he was serving as Clerk of Session, a nice three-bedroom manse was built and the church building was remodeled.

The Women of the Church was first organized in 1927. The minister's wife, Mrs. J. W. Mann, assisted in forming three circles with fifty active members. The three circles continued until 1948. Declining membership has brought the numbers, at present, to twenty active members in one circle. A new circle is planned, however, because the community is growing with many young families moving into the area.

....Submitted by Mrs. Elizabeth Breeze

-LITTLETON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH-

First known simply as the "Meeting House," Littleton Presbyterian Church was founded in 1875. The Rev. John W. Primrose was the first pastor. The only church in Littleton in the 1800's, the building was used by all denominations for worship and during the week as a school. Twenty pastors have served this congregation since 1875, the latest being a husband and wife team, Co-Pastors Nancy and Clint McCann, who ministered faithfully for nine years. The church currently does not have a full time minister but a supply pastor fills the pulpit.

In 1975, the Littleton Church celebrated its 100th Anniversary with five former ministers in attendance. Four members of the congregation have been faithful servants from 63 to 70 years. The first woman deacon, Mrs. Jack Nelson, was installed in 1965, and since that time, there have been several others. The current membership is 55.

In 1905, the Women of the Church was organized by the Rev. and Mrs. Carr Moore. There is one night circle with ten active members. They have hosted the WOC District Meeting, rolled bandages, contributed to the Church World Service clothing drive, and participated in World Day of Prayer. There have been many outstanding leaders. Two, Miss Tempie Thorne and Mrs. Tempie Skinner, have been awarded Honorary Life Memberships for their faithful and continuing service to the church.

....Submitted by Mrs. Evelyn Outland

- MADISON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH -

Organized by Orange Presbytery in 1851 with 17 charter members, Madison Presbyterian Church moved into its present structure, a building which had been erected in 1848. In the first decade, the congregation grew rapidly under the leadership of the Rev. William N. Mebane. His death and the Civil War weakened the church, but it was then served by seminarians and two outstanding ministers, Cornelius Miller and B. Watt Mebane. During the World War I period, the Madison Church shared a minister with a circuit of struggling congregations. Following this period, the church was so strengthened that, for some time, it led Orange Presbytery in per capita benevolence giving.

The Women of the Church have a written history dating back to 1957. The first woman elder, Mary Siewers Patterson, was elected in 1973, and women presently serve on the Session and the Diaconate. Over the years the WOC has been active in all phases of the church's ministry.

Dr. T. Henry Patterson became the minister in 1956, following his retirement as Executive Secretary of Orange Presbytery, and led the congregation in the funding and construction of the education building. He was succeeded in 1964 by the Rev. Angus W. McGregor, and in 1969 by the Rev. Harold F. Waldruff. Under their leadership, the Madison Church has developed new strength and direction and has grown to the present membership of 185.

....Submitted by Ethel E. Awalt



- MEBANE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH -

Because there was no church close by and because the boys of the nearby Bingham School had to walk four miles either to Hawfields or Cross Roads Churches for Sunday worship, twelve residents of the area, on September 17, 1868, organized the Mebane Church and located it halfway between the Hawfields and Cross Roads Churches. By 1914, their original church building had become too small, and a new sanctuary building and manse were erected on South Fifth Street; an addition was made to the building in 1926; the present sanctuary was completed and dedicated in 1958 next to the 1914 building. During the past 119 years, the Mebane Church has had 18 pastors, and the present church enrollment lists 309 members.

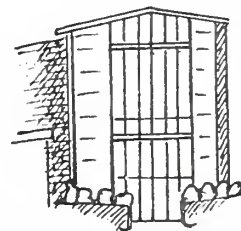
During World War II, under gas rationing, the congregation supported a chapel east of town for people in that area. Several missionaries have gone out from this church: Dr. Marion Cheek, Siam, 1873; Miss Ruby Satterfield, China and Korea, 1920; Miss Margaret Liston, African Congo; Mr. and Mrs. Dan Moore, Japan; and Dr. Sherron George, in Brazil since 1972. The church presently supports Dr. and Mrs. Paul Alexander of Taiwan, and contributed to the support of the Rev. and Mrs. Don Williams in Brazil until their retirement.

The Women of the Church was organized in 1872, and the program has been steadily expanded to include faithful service and support to the life of the entire congregation, to the community, and to ecumenical missions worldwide. A functioning transition committee is in place to guide the organization into becoming active, dedicated Presbyterian Women.

....Submitted by Clara Jones

- MILNER MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Raleigh -

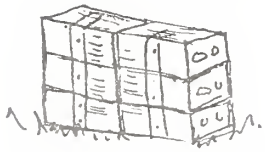
The Milner Memorial Presbyterian Church was the second Presbyterian congregation organized in the city of Raleigh. The Vanguard Bible Class of the First Presbyterian established the first Presbyterian chapel in the city. Called the East Vanguard Chapel, it was located at the eastern end of East Martin Street. The year was 1918.



Several years later the chapel moved to the 600 block of East Martin Street and held regular services in a two-story building. A permanent church building was erected in 1923, and on November 11, 1923, the church was officially organized by the Granville Presbytery with forty-nine charter members, to be known as First Vanguard Presbyterian Church.

In 1955, the church voted to move to its present location in Longview Gardens, and to honor the memory of Mr. Henry H. Milner, donor of the building site and funds to erect an educational building, the name of the church was changed to Milner Memorial Presbyterian Church. One of the earliest members of the congregation, Mr. Milner was a long-time elder and superintendent of the Sunday School. The very impressive sanctuary of the Milner Church was completed in November of 1958.

....Submitted by Geraldine P. Pearce



- MILTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH -

Having met for some time at the Milton Female Academy with visiting ministers conducting Sunday services, the townspeople of Milton, in 1823, came to a decision to build a house of worship. A Female Fragment Society (now the Women of the Church) was formed to raise the necessary funds. This church, by its constitution, was to be Free until one of the four leading denominations of Christians in the county should succeed in organizing a congregation, after which the church would belong to that denomination. A frame building was erected near the town cemetery at a cost of \$800.00. With a vote of 38 for the Presbyterians and 8 for the Episcopalians, the Milton Presbyterian Church was organized in March of 1826, with the Rev. James W. Douglas becoming the first pastor. By 1837, a larger brick building, the present structure, was erected, with the bricks made from the local clay. The huge hand-hewn rafters and beams in the attic are still held together with the original wooden pegs.

The most prized possession of the church today is the set of hand-made pews, made by Tom Day, a skilled black furniture maker whose shop was located in the old Yellow Tavern building near the church. The center partition in the building is a relic of the days when men and women sat on opposite sides of the church. Except for painting and repairs, the interior and exterior of the building remain virtually the same as when first built 150 years ago. Memorial gifts have been made to preserve and maintain the sanctuary with such items as new lighting, air-conditioning, stained glass windows and a large hand-carved cross in the pulpit area. The church is small, only 29 members; the pulpit is vacant; but the congregation remains faithful to Christ's work in this community.

....Submitted by Florence Bailey and Mrs. Banks Satterfield

-MIZPAH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Kenly-

Mizpah began as a mission post in November, 1910, under the direction of the Rev. Charles Beall, Sunday School Missionary of Fayetteville Presbytery. He had selected the Moore's School House crossroads as a site for meetings, and in June, 1911, the Rev. G. F. Kirkpatrick moved to Kenly and began monthly preaching services at the mission. When the congregation grew to the point of needing a church building, a one-room structure was erected and dedicated March 31, 1912. A Presbytery Commission met October 20, 1912, to organize the church, and the name Mizpah (meaning "watchtower") was selected. There were 13 charter members. Newsome Narron was the first ruling elder and served as Clerk of the Session until 1957. The Rev. Kirkpatrick continued as pastor until 1917.

In 1945, Jimmy Boyette donated land and the men of the church built a manse. Later, a lot containing a school building and a diner was purchased and the men moved the one-room church structure to adjoin the school building. The diner became a club house where suppers were served to raise money for a new building and the young people held their meetings. By 1954, with a membership of 91, the congregation voted to build a new church. Once again, the men of the church set to work and the building was completed in 1955. From 1974 until 1980, Mizpah Church was joined with seven other congregations to form SOAM (Southeast Orange Area Ministry). In the fall of 1987, Mizpah celebrated its 75th anniversary with three special Sunday night services.

....Submitted by Diane Grimes

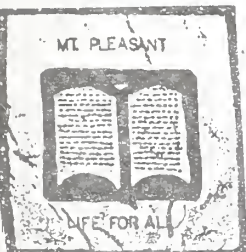
- MT. BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Durham -

Mt. Bethel Presbyterian Church in Durham was organized on December 4, 1938. The Women of the Church Auxiliary was organized January 15, 1939. Mrs. Shackelford and Mrs. Oberby of First Church, Durham, and Mrs. John Mack of the Trinity Avenue Church helped in organizing Mt. Bethel's Auxiliary. We feel it unique that we will be celebrating our 50th anniversary in 1988, the same year we will be leaving behind Orange Presbytery and Granville Presbytery of which we were a part (1939-1973).

With many prayers being answered, the Women at Mt. Bethel have accomplished so many great and wonderful things, and we feel we are making many more good plans for the future. Our Day Care Nursery which was established by Edith Evans in September, 1968, is continuing to operate, and our annual Christmas program, including the Chrismon tree, begun in December of 1976 by Mrs. John Byrd, is a favorite of everyone.

Ministers, supply pastors, and interims who have served Mt. Bethel include H. P. Ruppenthal, Rowland Pruette, J. W. Moore, C. I. Calcoate, James L. Lloyd, Morton Kurtz, Galen Elliott, Denny Lawyer, Edward Hopkins, Steve Berghaus, and Dan Reppert. Currently, Harriett Carpenter and Peggy Bledsoe are Co-Moderators of the active Women of the Church.

....Submitted by Peggy Bledsoe



- MT. PLEASANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Willow Springs -

Mt. Pleasant Church was organized as a Free Will Baptist Church on December 20, 1858, and remained Baptist until around 1900, at which time, the church building became dormant and remained so for several years.

Dr. William M. C. White, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Raleigh, helped Mt. Pleasant become an outpost of his church, and in October 1908, the Presbyterians of the area received a deed for the church building and its grounds. The congregation became an official Presbyterian Church in 1912, and the members' names were returned to Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church of Willow Springs. The Rev. Edwin Hemple from Atlanta, Georgia, became the first pastor, and there have been ten ministers since that time, including the current pastor, the Rev. John Healey.

The small frame church was destroyed by fire on October 30, 1936. Another church structure was begun immediately and in May of 1937, although the inside was incomplete, the first worship services were conducted in the new building. A manse was built in 1952, and the Fellowship Hall was added in 1967. The present membership is 88.

Homecoming is a big event each September and in 1987 the 75th anniversary was celebrated as a Diamond Jubilee with special revival services. The Women of the Church is a vital organization assisting with all the many activities of the congregation. There are 57 active members. Three of the women serve as Deacons and one is an Elder.

....Submitted by Betty Lawrence

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- MT. VERNON SPRINGS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Siler City -

A letter to the Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Greensboro, dated January 17, 1876, from Joseph A. Houston (a resident of Vt. Vernon Springs but formerly of Greensboro) was the first step in the organization of the Mt. Vernon Springs Presbyterian Church. As a result of his request for help, Mt. Vernon Springs Church was organized with twelve charter members on November 25, 1876, in the Masonic Hall at Ore Hill, and services were held in that building until a church structure was erected in 1885.

Mt. Vernon Springs Presbyterian Church has received many loving memorial gifts honoring the service and dedication of numerous faithful members. One member of note, Miss Davie Houston, daughter of the founding Joseph Houston, was a life long member of the congregation. She held every office in the Woman's Auxiliary, taught an adult class, was Sunday School Superintendent for many years, cared for historical records, and worked faithfully to support the congregation when the church pulpit was vacant. Miss Houston died in 1968 and is buried in the church cemetery. Another faithful member, Mrs. Zollie Martin, an elder, a teacher of the Young Adult Class, and president of the Women of the Church, held a perfect attendance record for 21 years. Presently unable to attend church, Mrs. Martin continues to study each week's lesson diligently.

The Woman's Aid Society was organized December 16, 1890, with 13 members. In 1914 the group was reorganized as the Woman's Auxiliary, and in 1950 became the Women of the Church and continues active in 1988.

....Submitted by Margaret Dixon and Margaret Lemon



- NEW HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Chapel Hill -

About 1750, early settlers in the New Hope Community founded the New Hope Presbyterian Church. Descendents of these settlers continue to attend services regularly and to nurture traditions whenever possible. The fifth building of the church has just been renovated. There are still farm families among the membership, but business men and women, faculty and staff of local universities, factory and community services personnel and professionals as well as retirees are represented in today's congregation of 130 members. The Rev. David Q. Garrison is the present pastor.

Ministry includes worship that has been enhanced by an Opus 31 B tracker organ built by John Brombaugh, installed and voiced December 1, 1987. There are Sunday School classes for all ages, choirs, and regular fellowship gatherings. Boy and Girl Scout troops and other groups meet regularly, and community service groups use the building frequently.

The Women of the Church is an active organization. Two members, Virginia Nunn and Christine Lockhart, have been honored for their extraordinary dedication and service to New Hope Church. Women have served as Elders and Deacons for the past two decades. Recently women have been named as Trustees. The fellowship meals and hospitality, once the responsibility of the women, are now organized by a Fellowship Committee made up of both men and women.

....Submitted by Marion B. Woods

-NEW HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Willow Springs-

On July 18, 1961, Willow Springs Presbyterian and Fellowship Presbyterian were merged into one church. On January 7, 1962, it was voted unanimously to name the congregation the New Hope Presbyterian Church, and a new building site was chosen on the Rowland land on Highway 42. On December 6, 1964 the first service was held in the new sanctuary.

The following ministers have served New Hope Church: the Rev. A. C. Courtenay, the Rev. Fred P. Albright, the Rev. Lewis V. Boyle, the Rev. Robert E. Lee, and currently, the Rev. Thomas G. Westfall. There are 236 active members on the church roll.

Since its organization in 1962, the Women of the Church have had the following Presidents: Treva Spivey, Peggy Dean, Shelby Spivey (twice), Dolly Hargis, Carolyn Kinton, Glenda Coats (twice), Margie Wyatt, Linda Holleman, Ruby Holleman, Paulette Jackson, Pat Barnhouse, and Wanda Denning. Honorary Life Memberships have been awarded to Willie Jane Kinton (1971), Lillian Pearce (1977), Ruby Holleman (1981), Mae Fuquay (1982), and Arlee Howard in 1987.

....Submitted by Shelby Spivey

- NORTHGATE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Durham -

On April 10, 1944, Granville Presbytery organized Northgate Presbyterian Church under the leadership of the late Harry Preston Ruppenthal (1944-1958). Since that time, there have been four other pastors: Edward James Agsten (1959-1968), Norris London Fellows (1968-1978), Victor Carlyle Scott (1978-1986), and the present pastor, David Tucker, called November 29, 1987.

The church first met in the museum in Northgate Park; later a large two-story house on Roxboro Road (across from the present building) was used for services and also as a manse. A lot containing a little white frame four-room house was purchased and the house served for Sunday School, church services, and a kindergarten for some time. As the membership grew, walls were knocked out, a choir loft added, the basement dug out for the Men's Class, and partitions went up to make more Sunday school rooms. Soon bursting at the seams, the congregation began work on the present sanctuary on September 26, 1948, and by the spring, the new building was ready to use.

Guided by Mrs. W. F. Frank, District I Chairman for Granville Presbytery, the Women's Auxiliary of the church was organized on October 16, 1944, at a meeting in the home of Mrs. Ralph Lippard. Currently as the Women of the Church, the organization enthusiastically continues its program of study and service.

Serving vital needs in this community, the Weekday Kindergarten and the Northgate Senior Center maintain their active and valuable programs in the building during the week.

.... Submitted by Mrs. Elizabeth M. West

- NORTH RALEIGH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH -

Several years ago the Presbyterian Urban Council of Raleigh persuaded Orange Presbytery to join in the development of a new congregation in North Raleigh. In July of 1982, the Rev. G. Wilson Gunn, Jr. was called to serve the field as Evangelist. To work with him, Presbytery elected a Steering Committee composed of John Everette (Hudson Memorial), Jackie Jenkins and Jim Tubbs (St. Andrews), Laura Smith (Trinity), Neil Bain (Ernest Myatt), and Bob Stoops (St. Giles). The first worship service was held a few months later at the Children's World Child Care Center. Almost immediately the space was too crowded and the fledgling congregation moved to the Lynn Road Elementary School in July of 1983. With many congregational activities and involvement in outreach and mission programs, the church continued to grow and in May, 1984, was organized by Orange Presbytery as the North Raleigh Presbyterian Church with 113 charter members.

Having to overcome some stumbling blocks in construction plans, the congregation now has plans underway for a building of their own that may be completed in time for Christmas! A new minister, the Rev. Timothy Edgeworth Bird, has been called. Although the church has suffered its share of "growing pains," this group of enthusiastic and committed Christians now seems to be making progress in realizing the potential of the new church in North Raleigh.

....Submitted by Valerie Hessel

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- NUTBUSH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Townsville -

Nutbush Church was established in 1757 as a result of the efforts of a number of missionaries sent to the Carolinas from the Synods of New York and Philadelphia to minister to the growing number of Scotch-Irish Presbyterians. The latter had begun immigrating into North Carolina in 1740, and by 1760 were to be found along the frontier all the way from New England to South Carolina.

Nutbush was organized under the jurisdiction of Hanover Presbytery, which included the entire southern part of the country. The first pastor, the Rev. James Crestwell, was installed October 2, 1765, to serve Nutbush and Grassy Creek Churches. The first recorded report to Presbytery, in 1845, showed 20 members on roll. The membership steadily increased to 86 by 1895. Since that date the membership has varied greatly, due mainly to population changes in Townsville. The current membership is 54 active communicants, with Phil and Jan Butin serving the congregation as Co-Pastors.

The Sunday School was first organized in 1878 with a total enrollment of 48. Walter Bullock was the first superintendent. Because of poor transportation, the Sunday School was discontinued and reorganized several times, but since 1905 it has continued without a break.

The women of Nutbush were first organized as the Ladies' Aid Society in 1906 with 12 members. That organization has become the Women of the Church with a present membership of 14.

....Submitted by Mrs. Dan Moss



-OAK GROVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Middlesex-

Oak Grove Church was organized September 26, 1915. Currently the church has 52 communicant members and 63 enrolled in Sunday School. These members are faithful and dedicated to the work of their church. Preaching services and Sunday School are held every Sunday morning. There are six Elders, on a rotating system, serving with real love for Christ and His Church, and for one another.

Ministers who have served this congregation include the Rev. C. E. Clarke, the Rev. A. M. Mitchell, the Rev. D. F. Waddell, the Rev. Neill R. McGeachy, the Rev. C. F. Allen, the Rev. J. D. Withrow, the Rev. Denver Blevins, the Rev. Alfred E. Thomas, the Rev. George A. Grissom, the Rev. David Garrison, the Rev. Bob Hall, and, since 1984, the Rev. William M. Jarrett.

The Women of the Church organization meets monthly with 21 active members under the present leadership of Gracie Bunn, Lucy Davis, Earline Bunn, and Mena Stancil.

....Submitted by Gracie Bunn



-OAKLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Clayton-

Oakland Presbyterian Church is nestled in a beautiful rural setting twenty-two miles southeast of Raleigh in Johnston County near Clayton. A church with a proud heritage and long history, it was organized August 8, 1858. It proudly boasts of being the oldest Presbyterian Church in Johnston County. Oakland has been blessed with good ministers. Dr. Ben R. Lacy is the most well-known. Others include: the Rev. Galen Elliott, the Rev. W. A. Brown, the Rev. David Boozer, the Rev. J. T. Donnell, and the present minister, the Rev. Mark Mosteller, installed December 6, 1987.

Oakland has a membership of 157 and, currently, there is tremendous potential for growth due to new housing developments.

The Women of the Church was organized March 18, 1951, and currently with 75 active members, continues to serve throughout the life of the church. Many women have served as elders and deacons, and some have served in positions at the Presbytery level. Mrs. Donna Kelly has served as the last WOC President, and Mrs. Peggy Bjorling will become Moderator of the new Presbyterian Women.

As the era in Orange Presbytery comes to a close, Oakland Church looks forward with excitement to a new Presbytery in which God will continue to fulfill His purpose for this congregation.

....Submitted by Donna Kelly and Mary J. Williford



- OXFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH -

In 1817 several Oxford residents, members of the Grassy Creek Church ten miles away, resolved to organize a church in Oxford, and united with the Oxford Academy to employ the Rev. James K. Burch of Philadelphia as teacher and preacher; Mr. Burch remained only one term. In March of 1818, the Rev. Shephard K. Kollock, from Elizabethtown, New Jersey, began preaching both at Shiloh and at Oxford, and in September organized the Oxford Presbyterian Church with nine charter members. For twelve years most of the services were held in the Academy. However, records show "by autumn of 1825, bricks for the Oxford Presbyterian Church were ready for burning." The building, erected on the site of the present sanctuary, was completed in 1830. The congregation at this time numbered 22. The present church structure replaced that first building in 1892, and, in 1941, the Sunday School Annex was erected. Renovations and redecoration of the entire plant were completed in 1959, and in 1965 a new Casavant organ was installed.

Throughout 1968, commemorative services covering the history of the church were conducted in celebration of the Oxford's Sesqui-Centennial, culminating in Homecoming Services on September 22. Dr. William I. Howell, Jr., a son of the congregation, and Dr. Stuart Oglesby, beloved pastor from 1918 to 1922, participated. Also attending were three generations of descendants of the tenth pastor, Dr. Jacob Doll (1842-1847).

Thirty-six pastors have served the Oxford Church, and on November 22, 1987, a clergy couple, Philip Walker Butin and Janet Bohlander Butin, were ordained and installed as Co-Pastors of the 167 member congregation. The church remains steadfast and awaits God's faithful care and guidance.

....Submitted by Edith Howell Wheeler and Hazel R. Currin

- PLEASANT GROVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Yanceyville -

In the winter of 1893, the Rev. William Campbell, minister of Griers Presbyterian Church, began preaching in a schoolhouse in the Pleasant Grove community, and subsequently, a Sunday school was established. Pleasant Grove Presbyterian Church was organized by Orange Presbytery in August of 1904; the Rev. S. H. Williamson became the first pastor. From a floor-less log building, the congregation moved in the spring of 1928 into the present structure. Although remodeled in 1963, this same structure serves the present congregation of Pleasant Grove.

The Women's Auxiliary was organized in March, 1943, with the assistance of the minister's wife, Mrs. Barbara Whitley. Lula Simmons was elected the first president. Regular monthly meetings have continued through the years. Numerous projects have been completed, but two ongoing programs are sponsorship of children through the Christian Children's Fund and support of a local nursing home for Medicaid patients. LuAnn Brann is the current WOC president. Four members are ruling elders, Pauline Cobb, Faye Mise, Josephine Wilson, and Madalu Wright. Lou Slade serves as a deacon.

Although the membership still numbers less than 100, the congregation remains very active and always thankful to God for the opportunities of serving Him.

- FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Raleigh -

First Presbyterian Church of Raleigh holds a unique place in the history of this area, having been a member of six different Presbyteries, and preparing now to move into a seventh one. Originally a member of Orange Presbytery (1816-1836), it was a part of Roanoke Presbytery (1836-1839), then Orange (1840-1891), Albemarle (1891-1924), Granville (1924-1972), and "new" Orange to the present.

First Church was organized on January 21, 1816, by Dr. William McPheeters who came to Raleigh as the Pastor of the City and Principal of the Academy. The organization took place in the State House where regular worship services were held until the church building, the first brick church in Raleigh, was built on the southwest corner of Union Square. There were twenty-five members, five "occasional" members, and four elders, one of whom was William Peace, a member of the Board of Trustees of the University at Chapel Hill and the founder of Peace College (1857). The old church was the meeting place for town functions, school graduations, recitals, and even for the North Carolina Supreme Court sessions. In 1898, the original church was removed and a new building, a National Historical Site now, was erected. In 1956 the sanctuary was reconstructed, and the McPheeters window, a signed Tiffany window, and other beautiful windows were kept on the street side. The Education Building, Cairn Hall, and Memorial Hall (1987) complete the physical plant.

During the pastorate of Dr. William McC. White, with the help of the Vanguard Bible Class and the Assistant Pastor, Dr. Benjamin R. Lacy, Jr., the church had an amazing record of organizing new congregations: North Vanguard (now Westminster), East Vanguard (now Milner Memorial), Buf-faloe, West Raleigh, and Ernest Myatt. White Memorial was organized in 1946 with a nucleus of 300 members from First Church.

Dr. Albert Edwards, (now Minister Emeritus) has led the congregation in its outstanding growth with many successful programs, including a much-needed television ministry broadcast live on WRAL, a Wednesday morning prayer breakfast for men, and a Wednesday noon service (with lunch available) for many downtown workers. Through many programs and financial support, the church strives to meet the physical needs of hundreds in the Raleigh area.

First Church has provided seven Presbyterian Presidents: Mrs. B. R. Lacy, Mrs. Robert Wyatt, Mrs. J. C. Little, Mrs. James Maddry, Mrs. David Worth, Mrs. Ernest Barber, and Mrs. George U. Baucom, who also served as Synodical President, and Chairman of the Women's Advisory Board of the General Assembly. Mrs. Baucom also planned and organized the first Synodical Training School which met at Peace College in 1945. Mrs. Faye McGinnis, elected an Elder in 1984, was the first woman to serve on the Session. The women of First Church have been organized as Foreign Mission Societies, Home Mission Societies, the Ladies of Peace College, The Busy Bees (children), the Ladies Aid Society, the Woman's Auxiliary, presently as the Women of the Church, and soon - Presbyterian Women.

....Submitted by Katherine B. Lyons

- RANDOLPH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, High Point -

Early in 1946, Orange Presbytery and the First Church of High Point hired Miss Sara Little to determine if there were sufficient need and interest to warrant having a Presbyterian Church in the Archdale area. Finding definite potential, First Church purchased land from the Millers at the corner of Highway 311 and Doss Road (now Balfour Drive) and erected the small building that would become Randolph Chapel. In January, 1948, Presbytery appointed a commission for the purpose of organizing Crestwood and Randolph Presbyterian Churches. The committee of seven met on January 18, and that night, the formal organizational service was held for Randolph Church. The pastor of First Church, the Rev. Paul Tudor Jones, was named moderator of the Session.

The Woman's Auxiliary was organized March 21, 1948, with an enrollment of ten. This organization, now the Women of the Church, has thirteen members and continues to meet the second Tuesday of every month.

An expanded sanctuary was completed and formally consecrated April 1, 1962. Randolph currently has 42 active members, and the Rev. Milton Foust is the Stated Supply.

....Submitted by Joy Baldwin



- RED HOUSE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Semora -

Located just three miles from the Virginia state line, Red House Presbyterian Church is one of the oldest churches in North Carolina. Known originally as Middle Hico, the exact date of its organization is unknown. It is known, however, that there were worshipers at the location when the pioneer missionary, the Rev. Hugh McAden, arrived in August, 1755. Because a red tavern built near the church on the stagecoach road from Hillsborough to Virginia was known as "Red House," the area around it gradually became the Red House Community. The name of the church was changed to Red House in 1806.

The church has been housed in four structures. The first building, erected about 1756, was partly burned by British soldiers during the Revolutionary War. Having particular animosity against Presbyterian ministers because of their zealous leadership in the great cause of American independence, the house of the minister, the Rev. Hugh McAden, was ransacked and all his papers, books, and property were burned. Although Rev. McAden had died two or three weeks before the soldiers arrived, tradition says his new-made grave was opened and his body taken up and mutilated. The congregation was scattered, but the story is told of a lone woman who went to the church site with her Bible each Sunday and prayed and sang. Her name is lost, but her faithfulness in worship led others back to rebuild the church. This second wooden building was destroyed by fire in 1806. The third building, erected in 1809 and painted red, was used for more than one hundred years. When the present brick structure was built in 1918, the third building was sold to Mr. T. M. Allen and moved to his property where it still stands, traces of red still clinging to the outer boards.

At the 200th anniversary celebration in 1956, a descendant of the Rev. Hugh McAden, Dr. Ben Lacy Rose, delivered the sermon. Red House has long been a power for good with far reaching influence. The church stands today as a memorial to staunch Presbyterians of strong character who have labored faithfully in the service of God.

....Submitted by W. Osmond Smith

- FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Reidsville -

Reidsville's First Presbyterian Church was organized January 15, 1875, with the Rev. Jacob Doll as the first pastor. The present minister, the Rev. Edwin C. Brammer, is only the fifth minister in the church's history (113 years).

Sunday School, worship services, and youth meetings are held each Sunday. There is an active music program with three choirs. A Child Development Center, which meets all state requirements and has an enrollment of 60 children, is also a part of the church's program. The congregation supports a missionary in Haiti, and is very fortunate to own and maintain the Elizabeth Lord Huske home at Montreat, providing space for many who attend retreats and conferences there.

The Women of the Church play a large role in the work of the Church. Not only do they contribute to congregational and community activities, but also to all Presbytery causes. Delegates are sent to Montreat conferences each year.

First Church, Reidsville, with a current membership of 450, continues to have many outstanding leaders. Thirteen sons and daughters of the congregation are in fulltime Christian service. It is with gratitude to God for these faithful members that the church looks ahead, trusting in His continuing help.

....Submitted by Mrs. C. J. Harrill



-RIVERVIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Eden-

On May 6, 1924, Orange Presbytery appointed a Commission of the Rev. E. N. Caldwell, Dr. D. I. Craig, the Rev. J. S. Cook, Elders W. J. Vaughn and T. L. Smith to organize a group of 85 persons in Eden into a Presbyterian Church, and Riverview Presbyterian Church was officially organized by the Commission on May 18th. The Rev. Cook became the first pastor.

A Women's Auxiliary was organized in 1922 by Mrs. J. S. Cook with 26 members. Bible study groups met in homes throughout the community. In 1949 the organization became the Women of the Church, and over the year has made many contributions to the needs of the Church.

Outstanding leadership from the following women has been an inspiration to the members of the congregation: Mrs. Mettie Kellam, Mrs. Edna Self, Mrs. Margaret Price, Mrs. Ruby Thomas, the late Mrs. B. W. Self, Mrs. Horace Danaho, and Mrs. M. C. Thomas.

The church at present has an active membership of 64 under the ministry of Dr. Ed Kezar.

....Submitted by Myrtle M. Wray

- FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Roanoke Rapids -

Under the leadership of the Rev. W. T. Walker, the Rev. A. S. Caldwell, and Elder J. R. Clack, appointed by Albermarle Presbytery, the First Presbyterian Church of Roanoke Rapids was organized on June 25, 1899. The church has been led by Flournoy Morton, Stanley White, Joe Mack, Hugh Bradley, Lawrence Stell, and John Mack Walker who served from 1942 until his retirement in 1980. On May 24, 1981, Frank Covington was installed as pastor and continues to serve.

A new stone building was erected on the present site in 1915, and the fellowship hall, Loy Memorial Building, was added in 1959. A fire in December of 1961 partially destroyed the sanctuary, and Loy Memorial Building was used for worship until the present sanctuary was completed.

The congregation has been instrumental in organizing an after school day care program, the Good Samaritan program, a Singles group, a Presbyterian pre-school, and a Peacemakers group. From a beginning of 14 charter members, communicants now number 343.

A Ladies' Aid Society was organized about 1906 in the home of Mrs. C. A. Wyche with six women present. At some time between 1918 and 1921, the organization adopted the plan of circles and changed their name to Woman's Auxiliary. Now organized as the Women of the Church, the membership has a present count of 106, and continues active in the life of the congregation and in the community.

....Submitted by Marie Anderson

- ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Henderson -



On the fourth Sunday of April, 1912, a few people gathered under an arbor at Harris' Crossroads near Henderson to hold worship services, led by Mr. Sam Watkins and his brother John of Henderson, and the McMillan family of the neighborhood. On June 15, 1913, this little group was organized as the St. Andrews Presbyterian Church with 21 charter members, and the Rev. S. K. Phillips became the first pastor. Under the pastorate of the Rev. Charles McChesney, in 1951, St. Andrews underwent remodeling and enlargement: a new sanctuary in use today, six new classrooms, and two additional rooms. A major breakthrough for St. Andrews happened in 1964. Plumbing was first installed, and by 1967 the church had all the conveniences of a modern facility.

The Rev. Gerald L. Wilson came to St. Andrews in 1966 as a supply pastor. He continues to serve this congregation with a faithful commitment beyond that of a supply pastor. Many changes and additions have come to the church under his leadership. In September, 1974, a fellowship hall was completed and named the "Robert Ivey Fellowship Hall." In 1980, a new heating and air conditioning system was installed and beautiful stained glass windows were added to the building. The final remodeling project took place in 1984.

The Women of the Church was organized in 1947 and has contributed their time and talents, as well as many more tangible items, to the ministry of this congregation. The church has seen many faces and many changes since its founding in 1912, and prays for continued opportunity to serve to the glory of God.

...Submitted by Louise H. Reavis

- ST. BARNABAS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Raleigh -

With the foresight and leadership of Mrs. W. M. Andrews, the Rev. Charles Hollingsworth, the pastor of First Vanguard Presbyterian Church (now Milner Memorial), and members of his congregation, services were begun in 1929 in a vacant store owned by a Mr. Buffaloe. The chapel was called Buffaloe Vanguard. After Mr. Buffaloe's death, the congregation moved into the basement of Mr. R. H. Richardson's home and worshiped there until 1931. Later a building was erected on Lake Wheeler Road on a lot owned by Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Andrews.

February 11, 1951 was a great day! The chapel was chartered by Granville Presbytery as a mission church with 73 members. Students filled the pulpit until Julian D. Nesselrodt became our first full time minister after his graduation. Under his direction, the first manse was built and a lot was purchased for a new building on Carolina Pines Avenue.

October of 1964 was another red letter month for Buffaloe. The congregation into a new building, changed the name to St. Barnabas, and welcomed a new minister, the Rev. J. A. Pippin. A kindergarten was started by Mrs. Pippin and continued until 1974. Classrooms have been added to the church building and the congregation has become self-supporting.

The women were active under leadership from First Vanguard until 1951. The St. Barnabas Women of the Church organization began with Mary S. Fuqua as the first president, and has done many things to enrich the life of this congregation. There are four women on Session and numerous women on church committees.

....Submitted by Mary S. Fuqua



- ST. GILES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Raleigh -

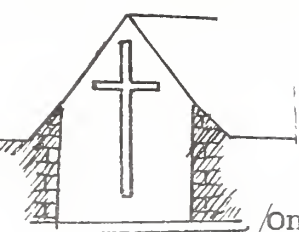
St. Giles Presbyterian Church was commissioned May 3, 1964, with sixty charter members. In the beginning, worship services were held in a church-owned residence and were conducted by the Rev. Isaac M. Bagnal, Executive Secretary of Granville Presbytery. His was a labor of love.

St. Giles is located on a five-acre wooded campus in buildings designed by eminent architect Harwell H. Harris. The site was purchased by Granville Presbytery, and the church received \$12,200 in building grants; otherwise, St. Giles has been completely self supporting. The sanctuary was dedicated in May 1983.

The Rev. Jerold David Shetler was installed as the first pastor in March of 1965 and served through October 1971. The second pastor, the Rev. Herman William Vassey, was installed in May 1972. His assistant pastor, Carol Miller Lipscomb, was ordained at St. Giles. Other pastors to serve the congregation include the Rev. Elwood Douglas Vaughan, Jr., the Rev. John Ellison Bush, and several part-time staff associates. The present interim pastor is Dr. Robert M. Poteet.

Presently the congregation numbers 530 active members. Government is unicameral, operating through a committee system. A full church program is in place.

....Submitted by Martha Stoops



- ST PAUL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Greensboro -

On February 16, 1958, Orange Presbytery organized St. Paul Church with 35 charter members. Two months later, the Rev. Jerry McCann and his wife, Nan, arrived as the first (and until now, only) pastor. The lovable, likable McCanns were welcomed with open arms by the people of the mushrooming southwest side of Greensboro. The congregation grew at an unbelievable pace. The Fellowship Building was first occupied on December 13, 1959; an education building was completed November 24, 1963; the sanctuary was dedicated October 3, 1971. The investment of buildings and grounds of more than ten acres is well over \$1 million.

The 1987 membership was 514, and the budget was over \$200,000. The Sunday School enrollment is a few less than 500, with 36 officers and teachers. The 40 or so young people who attend Youth Fellowship are led by eight adults. The Session consists of 27 lay men and women.

From the beginning, the Women of the Church has been the source of some of St. Paul's strongest leaders. Of the innovative programs provided by St. Paul's WOC, the latest two are the "M&M's" service group and the "Gad-Abouts" consisting of men and women over fifty years of age. There are seven active circles continually offering service and support throughout the congregation and the community.

....Submitted by Gwen Reese

- SEDGEFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Greensboro -

Sedgefield began as an outreach of the Adult Class of First Presbyterian Church, Greensboro, and held its first service May 6, 1956, in Sedgefield Elementary School. Dr. T. H. Patterson delivered that first sermon to 32 area people, and a full Sunday School department was available that first Sunday. The Sedgefield "Chapel" was led by a Council which, within six months, established a building fund, began midweek prayer services, held a Vacation Bible School, and started a choir. In October, 1956, the "Chapel" was organized into Sedgefield Presbyterian Church. By the spring of 1957 a building site and a manse were purchased, and the Rev. Lee Adkins was called as the first pastor. In February, 1959, ground was broken for the new building; in November, the building was completed and occupied. The Rev. Walter Goodman served the church from 1961 to 1972, and the present minister, Dr. James K. Wilson, Jr., was called in 1973.

From its beginning, with a charter membership of 51, Sedgefield has tried to reach both the Sedgefield and the Groometown areas, as well as new neighborhoods that have developed over the past 30 years. The current membership is 230.

The originating Council, in July, 1956, established a Committee on Women's Work which was formally organized into the Women of the Church in 1961. The women have been involved in every aspect of the growing congregation and have undertaken many projects important to the growth and development of Sedgefield.

....Submitted by Mertys W. Bell

- SELMA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH -

A Commission from Fayetteville Presbytery met with 21 charter members on Sunday, June 14, 1909, in the Selma Public House to organize the Selma Church. The present building was erected in 1913, and an educational building was added in 1943 with major renovation in 1965. A Sunday School, started in 1912, continues to have a goodly number in attendance. Selma Church has been in three Presbyteries: Fayetteville, Granville, and Orange. Through the years it has been yoked with other congregations. For many years the pastor on the field served the Bellevue Church which had been formed as Bellevue Chapel from members of the Selma Church. The Bellevue Church was organized in 1952, but was reunited with Selma on June 24, 1984.

Always with a small membership, Selma Church has benefited from excellent leadership. The Rev. Terry R. Woodard is currently serving the congregation. The Women of the Church has been active since 1925 with many outstanding leaders. Some to be noted include Mrs. Duncan Bracey, Jr. (Cleo), Mrs. Raleigh Griffin (Mary), Norwood Faison, and Helen Dora Mazingo who have served on Presbytery committees. Helen Mazingo has also served on the Council of the Synod of North Carolina. Mary Griffin, representing Orange Presbytery, and Norwood Faison, representing Granville Presbytery, have attended meetings of the General Assembly, PCUS. Helen Mazingo represented Orange Presbytery at the 1985 General Assembly, PCUSA. Cleo Bracey and Mary Griffin served as Granville Presbyterial Presidents, and Mrs. J. M. O'Neal (Ida) and Mrs. R. C. Mazingo (Dora) served in other Presbyterial offices of Granville.

....Submitted by Helen D. Mazingo



- SHILOH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Burlington -

Referred to as "Eldermont Sunday School," Shiloh Church began as a mission project of the First Presbyterian Church of Burlington in the spring of 1914 under the leadership of the Rev. Donald McIver, First Church's pastor. With 19 charter members meeting in the Eldermont schoolhouse, the church was organized by Presbytery on February 11, 1917. At the suggestion of Mrs. Van Montgomery, the new congregation adopted the name of Shiloh Presbyterian Church. In April the Rev. H. C. Carmichael was called as the first pastor of Shiloh in a yoked ministry with Elmira, Piedmont, and Trollingwood Churches. Since that time, eleven ministers have served Shiloh Church. The present pastor, the Rev. Warren Brannon, was installed in 1970. The original church building, erected on land given by Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Elder, was completed in October, 1922. The present sanctuary was built in 1951, and a Christian Education building was added in 1959.

Shiloh Church began an outpost mission near Elon College in 1948, later to be organized as the Trinity Presbyterian Church. The Shiloh congregation continues to be active in many different areas. The present church membership is 256 members. The Women of the Church and the Men's organization meet on a monthly basis. The Senior High Fellowship meets weekly, and Boy Scout Unit 19 is a large and active one, having produced 13 Eagles in its 25-year history. The history of Shiloh Church, both past and current, has been rich and busy, giving all of its members a solid background to be well-armed disciples in the total Body of Christ.

-55- Submitted by Barbara Kluttz

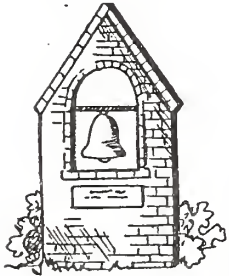
- SILER CITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH -

Organized February 11, 1951, the Siler City Presbyterian Church began with 50 charter members and Scott McNair Poole as the first minister. The present sanctuary was dedicated in May of 1961, and the debt has been retired. Dr. J. B. Earle's residence, adjoining the church property, became the manse for the church, and additional land of Dr. Earle's and of Dr. W. L. Patman was given to increase the parking area.

With the exception of two "snow Sundays," the Siler City Church has held 11 A.M. worship services every Sunday since its organization. The congregation is sensitive to the needs of the community by maintaining and distributing a Charity Fund, sponsoring a Scout Troup, hosting community groups, and responding to other needs as they arise. The membership of the church is 90 active members. At present there is an Adult Sunday School Class at 9:30 on Sundays and a Primary Class at 11 A.M. As a memorial to Mrs. John Shaw for having taught in the Sunday School for the greatest number of years, her classroom bears her name.

The Women of the Church, organized under the leadership of Mrs. R. W. Vann and Mrs. Joe Inscoe, maintains two active circles, and women of the congregation serve as Elders on the nine-member Session. Mrs. Vann has also served as a Presbyterial officer.

....Submitted by Mrs. E. H. Foust, Jr.



- FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Smithfield -

On the third Sunday of December, 1981, the Rev. Alexander J. McKelway, Evangelist of Albermarle Presbytery, organized a Presbyterian Church at Smithfield. Six charter members were enrolled, and monthly services were held in the Johnston County Courthouse.

A church building was erected at 113 North Second Street in 1894, with the dedication service conducted by the Rev. McKelway. A new building at the corner of Church and Third Streets was completed and dedicated on January 7, 1951, with the Rev. Joseph H. Lansinger presiding. An attractive educational building was constructed and dedicated in 1972, and is an active part of the church's ministry. Many groups in and out of the congregation keep it full all through the week. In 1987, the church began to sponsor one of its own in study for the ministry. Paige Marie Leist has begun her studies at Union Theological Seminary, and the whole congregation is very proud to help in her endeavors.

The Women of the Church organization, active since its beginning, continues its leadership in many projects within the congregation and in the community.

Having grown from its original six to a membership exceeding 380 in 1987, First Presbyterian Church faces a promising and challenging future as the county doubles its population by the end of this century. New challenges, new churches, new grace from the living Christ will surely be a part of that future!

- SMYRNA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH -

Beginning as a Sunday School branch of the Wentworth Church in the early 1900's, Smyrna Presbyterian Church was organized in 1907. With Wentworth always being part of the field, Smyrna has been yoked with other congregations since its organization.

Smyrna and Wentworth Church are presently yoked under the pastorate of Rev. William C. Hayes. Both churches have seen numerical and spiritual growth since Bill and his wife, Sally, began their ministry there in 1984.

Not operating under denominational Women of the Church guidelines at this time, Smyrna's women are organized as a Sunday School class with various service emphasis and projects throughout the year. It is hoped that a more organized women's group will soon become a reality.

....Submitted by William C. Hayes



- SPEEDWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Reidsville -

Orange Presbytery's records state that Speedwell Church was organized in 1759 "by person or persons unknown." These were almost certainly missionaries sent into the Carolinas by older Presbyterian bodies. Rev. Hugh McAden and Dr. David Caldwell were probably among the early ministers. The first known pastor was the Rev. James McGready, 1793-1796, who later led the Great Awakening throughout the South.

The earliest deed to church property, a meeting house made of logs, was in 1786. Erected in 1844, the present sanctuary has been remodeled several times. The original slave balcony was removed in 1890 in an effort to ease post-War tensions in the community. The graveyard contains stones carrying death dates as far back as 1739, confirming the early settlement of the area. The church and its grounds are related by tradition to the Battle of Guilford Courthouse, as Greene and Cornwallis prepared for the battle here, and both American and British prisoners are said to be buried in the churchyard.

The church has always been small, reaching its greatest membership about 1835 because of the camp meetings sponsored by the pastor, the Rev. James D. Hall. Speedwell Church celebrated its bi-centennial in 1959, and since then has experienced steady growth. Present membership is 110. A manse was built in 1963, and since the Rev. Dr. Hugh Reid Montgomery came to Speedwell in 1974, the church has built and equipped an educational building, renovated and redecorated the old sanctuary, landscaped the grounds, added about four acres to the property, and greatly increased giving, including partial support of two missionaries.

Speedwell's Women of the Church was organized about 1928 under the leadership of women of the Buffalo Church. The first woman elder was elected in 1964, and there are five serving currently. Speedwell's women have served on a number of Presbytery's committees, as District Chairmen, and one was a commissioner to the 1973 General Assembly.

....Submitted by Lucy M. Rankin

1868

- SPRINGWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Whitsett -

Springwood Presbyterian Church had its beginning in the aftermath of the Civil War by a group of indignant members of the Brick United Church of Christ. The minister, a literary critic of national and international acclaim, was also a northern abolitionist who preached against slavery, war, and whiskey. As slave owners, David Ingle and other members of Brick Church did not share the minister's views. One evening, as the Rev. Welker left a meeting at the church, David Ingle and his friends were lying in wait with the intention of hanging him. Rev. Welker saw them, went back inside, and had them dismissed from the church membership.

Meeting in the home of G. L. Greeson with a committee from Orange Presbytery, David Ingle, his family, and friends organized Springwood Presbyterian Church in October of 1868. A roster of the 24 charter members lists four Ingles, three Fousts, two Whartons, one Friddle, and fourteen named Clapp! After meeting in a school and in homes of various members, the congregation moved into its own building in May of 1874. Over twenty ministers have served the congregation, and Dr. Rollin Steele is the current pastor with a church membership of 125.

The women of Springwood were first organized during the pastorate of Rev. Cornelious Miller (1885-1889). In 1905 the women became the Missionary and Aid Society with 20 members, and over a period of 40 years, 100 members were enrolled. The name was changed in 1949 to the Women's Auxiliary, and was changed again to the present organization of the Women of the Church.

....Submitted by Arlene Ingle



- STANLEY WHITE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Roanoke Rapids -

In the spring of 1952, the Session of the First Presbyterian Church asked the Synod's Church Extension Committee to make a survey of the Bolling Road area of Roanoke Rapids. As a result, First Church voted to construct a chapel building on a lot at the corner of Bolling Road and Ashton Street. The chapel was first used for services in November of 1952, and Elder Z. R. Denny became the first Sunday School Superintendent. The Rev. Stanley White, a former minister of First Church, became the acting pastor of the congregation, a position he filled with faithfulness and ability until his death in January of 1965.

In April of 1966, 67 members of First Church, who had been worshipping at the Bolling Road Chapel, petitioned Granville Presbytery to organize a Presbyterian Church. In May of 1966 the Bolling Road Chapel became the Stanley White Presbyterian Church, so named to honor the memory of the Rev. Stanley White. The Rev. Claude Godwin became the first minister. A Sunday School Building and a Fellowship Hall have been added, and a very successful morning and afternoon "Place-to-Play" School has been established.

The Women of the Church are active in most every aspect of the life of the congregation. Two members, Nellie Higgins and Gladys Morris, have been awarded Life Memberships. The church now has 55 members with five women Elders, and is currently in search of a pastor to fill the vacant pulpit.

....Submitted by Tammy Spragins

- STARMOUNT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Greensboro -

In 1951, the initial planning for Starmount Church was undertaken by Orange Presbytery, the Church of the Covenant, and the First Presbyterian Church. The organized congregation of 99 members met on November 16, 1952, and the charter membership list included 263. The first worship service in the new building was held in March of 1953 with Dr. Frank Elder as temporary supply minister. Dr. Elder was followed by Dr. Allen C. McSween, the Rev. G. Daniel McCall, and the present pastors, Dr. George Carpenter and Dr. Cynthia Higgins (Associate). In 1956 an educational building was erected, and by April, 1970, a beautiful, much-needed, larger sanctuary was completed and dedicated.

As of December 1, 1987, the church has 1,250 members and has records of 607 infant baptisms. Many varied groups have shared the use of the church facilities. The congregation constantly strives to live up to God's expectations of good stewardship. The church budget has grown, and although all needs are not answered, a multitude of community volunteers radiates from the church.

An active Women of the Church organization has benefitted from the outstanding leadership of the following Past Presidents: Mrs. Nevlyn Jackson; Mrs. Ruth Wynne; Mrs. Myrtle Greeson; Mrs. Mary Lou Thompson; Mrs. Margaret Miller; Mrs. Jean Dick; Mrs. Ann Ditto; Mrs. Joan Bryan; Mrs. Becky Garrett; Mrs. Katherine Vincent; Mrs. Ann Umstead; Mrs. Barbara Vestal; Mrs. Elaine Stoops; Mrs. Carol Carpenter; and Mrs. Barbara Spencer.

....Submitted by Willene Vincent and Mary Lou Thompson

- STONEVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH -

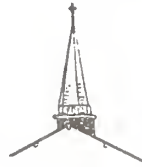
In 1905 a small group of the faithful determined to organize a Presbyterian Church in Stoneville. Although Presbytery felt that the outlook was not viable and held the petition for several months, a permit to organize was finally given to the eight charter members. With the enthusiasm of these dedicated believers, a small frame building was soon erected on what is now Main Street. Although the church has never grown in membership, remaining between 20 and 30 over the years, LOOK AT THE RECORD!

The Stoneville Church is the "mother church" or founder of the Joyce Presbyterian Church. Two grandsons of Stoneville Church are now ministers in Virginia. And, a dedicated young man of the congregation (the Rev. R. Hamlin Stone, D.D.) soon after his ordination went to the mountains of western North Carolina and organized several churches. One member, Mrs. Virginia Stone, has served as Synodical President and also as District Chairman. It should also be said that Stoneville, with a population of 1000, has ten churches.

The Women of the Church was organized in 1938 by Mrs. Frank M. Hawley, while her husband was pastor of the church. Mrs. T. L. Lewis was the first woman elder of the congregation.

The Rev. John Curry Whitley is the present minister, and with "the little church on Main Street," extends a warm welcome to all.

....Submitted by Ruby T. Robertson



- STONY CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Burlington -

1770

Although no one can clearly pinpoint the exact date of Stony Creek's organization, evidence in historical writings indicate that a campground was established on the present site as early as 1770. It is also known that one charter member of the church was James Moore, whose family came from Derry County, Ireland; landed in Philadelphia; and came through Virginia on wagons. Scotch-Irish Presbyterians, James, his wife, and his children settled on Laughlin's Creek in 1772. James Moore and his son Robert were two of the first elders of the church.

The first building, a simple log structure, long and plain in its construction on a stone foundation, stood just in front of the present sanctuary and was the base for two more buildings. Its roof was practically flat on top and to the rear was a log session house which served as an early educational facility. Some of the present congregation's oldest members can remember the old log session house which until 1923 stood in the southeast corner of the cemetery.

On May 12, 1956, the sanctuary built in 1854 and renovated in 1913, was gutted by fire caused by a bolt of lightning. While continuing regular worship services in the old school, a fellowship hall was erected, and a new sanctuary was completed on January 6, 1963.

Session records contain many interesting items. It was not uncommon for a member to be brought before the Church Session for conduct "unbecoming to a believer." One such incident indicates that a man was given a trial for being intoxicated and using profanity, his profane language that of calling his brother a "diabolical ragamuffin."

The ladies' work was organized April 1, 1894, called "The Ladies' Foreign Mission Society." The work of the present Women of the Church has continually grown through the years.

....Submitted by Karen Green

- TRIANGLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Durham -

Triangle Presbyterian Church was organized and recognized by (then) Granville Presbytery in July, 1967, and held its first worship service at Lowe's Grove Elementary School on September 24, 1967. The congregation continued to hold Sunday morning worship at the school until a building constructed on NC Highway 55 was ready for occupancy in late 1969.

The congregation of Triangle Church held worship services in this building until February, 1986. The property was sold to developers who have subsequently built the Park Forty Plaza on the site, and the congregation thereafter met at Jordan Senior High School through October, 1987. A new facility, erected on NC Highway 54 at Tudor Place, was dedicated on Sunday, December 6, 1987.

As the organizing pastor, the Rev. Herman J. Womeldorf served the congregation until December, 1972. Other pastors who have served Triangle Church include the Rev. Joseph A. Greer, the Rev. Albert E. Dimmock, the Rev. Lee W. Adkins, and the Rev. James B. Tubbs (Interim). The present pastor, the Rev. L. Raymond Cobb II, was installed in August of 1987, and the congregation currently numbers 116.

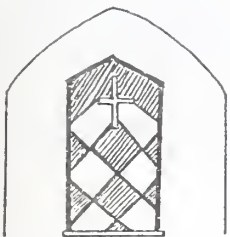
- TRINITY AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Durham -

Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church began in the late 1800's as a Sunday School mission of the First Presbyterian Church of Durham. The first structure, called Pearl Mill Chapel, was built in 1895. In 1902 the congregation was formally organized as the Second Presbyterian Church. Nearly two decades later, a new covenant of organization was drawn up and a new name - Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church - was given.

Shortly after this 1921 reorganization, property was purchased for a new sanctuary at the corner of Trinity Avenue and Gregg Street. The first service of worship was held October 6, 1925. The sanctuary, which stands today, was renovated in 1972. A fire in January 1966 damaged the education building and totally destroyed the church office, but repairs and improvements were made to these areas by the following August.

Since 1921, five ministers have served the congregation, the first being the Rev. George C. Cooper. The current minister, Dr. William Crompton Bennett, celebrates his 40th anniversary at Trinity Avenue Church this year. The membership roll is 868 strong; this number includes 72 persons received into membership during 1987.

....Submitted by Joni Porter



- TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Burlington -

In 1947 when Mr. T. R. Humphrey, Sr. built a cluster of homes on Veteran's Drive to ease the housing shortage created by returning veterans and their families, he offered a lot in the center of the project to any denomination that erect a chapel and sponsor a Sunday School. Those willing to accept the challenge were Presbyterian, and the Rev. Marlin B. Curry, pastor of nearby Shiloh Church, agreed to sponsor an outpost Sunday School if the Home Mission Board would erect the building. This was accomplished in 1952. On September 6, 1954, the congregation petitioned Orange Presbytery to grant the church a charter. At the suggestion of Dr. T. Henry Patterson, the name Trinity Church was adopted. Dr. Patterson was instrumental in securing much of the material, hymn books, a piano, Bibles, and other needed items as gifts from other churches. Some of these still serve the church well.

Many local Presbyterian congregations have provided leadership over the years, including the Rev. Curry and others from Shiloh, B. H. Wolfe and Jerry Cowan from Westview, and the N. N. Flemings and the Scott family from Hawfields.

In the early 1960's during the pastorate of the Rev. Jack Dail and his wife Margaret, the church was moved to its present location and the facilities were enlarged. Following the fall of 1987 resignation of the beloved Stated Supply, Dr. Ben Williams, Sr., the congregation is presently seeking his replacement.

....Submitted by Mrs. Jane Von Bergen

- TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Raleigh -

Trinity Presbyterian Church held its first worship service January 16, 1967, with the Rev. David Goodall as the first pastor, serving the new congregation until May of 1970. Sixty-five names are recorded as charter members. Other ministers of Trinity include the Rev. Claude Godwin, the Rev. Phyllis Kort (Interim), and the present pastor, the Rev. David Huffman, who was called in August of 1981. Currently Trinity has a congregation of approximately three hundred members.

The completion of the church building was in January, 1972; an addition for classrooms in February, 1974; and plans for a new sanctuary are in progress.

The first circle was formed in 1968, and early projects of serving those in need continue in a variety of ways. Mrs. Roger Schurrer and Mrs. Royce Espey made a complete set of paraments for the pulpit and communion table, and Mrs. Allen Blue made the dorsal curtain. Banners in the sanctuary were designed by LaVerne Wells and sewn by Nancy Sasnett. During March of 1969, a regular publication of a newsletter was begun by Jane Bullock as editor. In 1970 Jane was elected WOC president, in 1972 she was elected to serve as chairman of District V, and in 1981 she received the Life Membership Award. In 1973 Jane Bardot was elected president of the Women of the Church and was elected to serve as Chairman of District V in 1975. Trinity WOC hosted the Fall Meeting and Luncheon of District V in 1975 with 168 in attendance.

....Submitted by Louise Rose



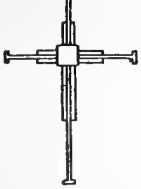
- UNIVERSITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Chapel Hill -

Orange Presbytery lists a congregation in Chapel Hill called The University Church as early as 1795 though there was not an organized church until 1827. Worship was held in the University Chapel or sometimes in a wooden building on the present site. No Session minutes exist before 1840. It was a very small congregation but from 1845-47, 142 persons contributed \$3,489 for the erection of a church building, the deed for which was left with the University. In 1920 the original building was rebuilt, enlarged, and beautified. When fire destroyed the sanctuary in 1958, it was necessary for the church to ask the University for a Quit Claim Deed before it could rebuild. The present building was dedicated in 1962.

The congregation has grown to a membership of more than a thousand. There are strong ties to the University and to the town of Chapel Hill. A strong Campus Ministry program is housed in the building and there are many University students in attendance on Sundays.

The first mention of women in the church was in 1851 when they asked to decorate the new church and they were "allowed" to do it. They have been organized as the Ladies Aid Society, the Women's Auxiliary, and finally, in 1948, became the Women of the Church. Much of the church history is based on the records of the women's organizations.

....Submitted by Florence Marimon



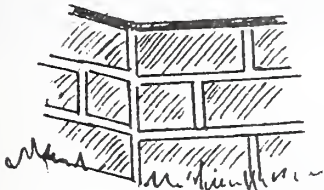
- VANDALIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Greensboro -

Vandalia Presbyterian Church began as a chapel of Alamance Presbyterian Church on January 4, 1959, and became the 83rd church of Orange Presbytery on August 30, 1959, with 64 charter members. The first unit of the church building was completed in November of 1961, the second unit in December, 1965. The sanctuary, as it now exists, was formally dedicated December 18, 1976. Vandalia has had five full time ministers: the Rev. Jack Davis; the Rev. Bob Wells; Dr. Charles F. Klotzberger; the Rev. Frank M. Dew; and the present minister, the Rev. L. Rus Howard who began his ministry in January of 1986.

Vandalia, currently with 382 members, continues strongly committed to serving the community. A full program for the youngest to the oldest of the congregation is in place.

Mrs. Naomi O'Brien was the first President of the Women of the Church which was organized in 1960. Two members of Vandalia have served on the WOC Council of Orange Presbytery: Lois Bohnsack as District II Chairman; and Alta Abernathy as Chairman of the Ecumenical Missions and Relations Committee and, presently, as Vice President and also as a member of the Transition Committee for Presbytery "B." Thirty women have served as Deacons or Elders. Vandalia has been truly blessed with devoted and capable leaders.

....Submitted by Lois Hodges



- WARRENTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH -

The Warrenton Presbyterian Church was organized in 1827 in a building on what is now the southwest corner of Front and Fairview Streets. The organizer, builder, and first pastor was the Rev. William Swann Plummer, age 25, who had graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1825. Rev. Plummer left Warrenton in 1831 and no records are available from that time until 1856. Apparently some services were held by visiting ministers during that interval.

In 1856, the present brick church was built through a bequest from Mrs. Martha W. Goodrum in the amount of \$4,000, with certain restrictions, one being that both she and her husband should be buried under the new church building. The congregation complied with this and all the restrictions, and the building was completed in early 1857. This building is now on The National Registry of Historical Buildings and is located in a National Historical District.

The Rev. Nelson Graves was called in 1857 as the first pastor for the newly built church. He was followed by Dr. Drury Lacy (1863-1868) and there are no records from that date until 1886 when the church was reorganized. Twenty-one pastors have served the congregation since that time.

Records show "the Ladies Aid Society" was organized November 7, 1893, and since that time the women of the congregation have been most active in the church's ministry. Minutes of 1933 show their name was changed to "Women of the Church." The membership remained small but active, always to the glory of God. Regular meetings ceased in 1985.

....Compiled by J. Bruce Bell, J. Howard Daniel, and Grace W. Miles

- WENTWORTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH -

Wentworth Presbyterian Church, founded in 1859, is one of the oldest churches in Rockingham County, and is located near the County Courthouse in Wentworth. During its history, the congregation has been yoked with several different churches, including Smyrna, Greenwood in Reidsville, and Speedwell.

Although organized as the Women of the Church in the past, the women at Wentworth are now involved in the Friendship Group - a group of 15-20 women who meet on Monday mornings for devotionals, crafts, and fellowship. This group includes both members of Wentworth and community members from other churches. Several families have become active members and active non-members of Wentworth Presbyterian Church through contacts with the Friendship Group. The Group makes crafts and gifts for shut-ins, Chrismons for the Chrismon Tree, and bandages for White Cross. They also collect diaper coupons for the County Agent to distribute to needy mothers. This Friendship Group is an excellent informal way of gathering women from the community into a group for service, fun, and fellowship.

Wentworth is presently yoked with the Smyrna Presbyterian Church and is served by the Rev. William C. Hayes. Both churches have seen numerical and spiritual growth since Bill and his wife, Sally, began their ministry there in 1984.

Submitted by William C. Hayes

- WESTERN BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Raleigh -

The Western Boulevard Presbyterian Church was first conceived in the mind of God and by officers of the West Raleigh Church under the leadership of the Rev. E. J. Agsten. Its beginnings were in a "cleared out and scrubbed down" garage with 23 people present for Sunday School. Six months later a worship service was added and soon the garage was outgrown. An Army barracks, purchased for \$700, was erected on the corner of Chaney Road and Garland Drive. A chapel was established on this site on November 7, 1948, and on April 3, 1949, was formally organized into Western Boulevard Presbyterian Church with 53 charter members. The first pastor was the Rev. Robert Bluford, Jr., followed by the Rev. Russell B. Fleming in 1958. The current pastor, the Rev. Edgar D. Byers, was installed June 27, 1971.

In 1960 the church was relocated on a nine acre site at Kaplan Drive and Lorimer Road. Educational facilities and a fellowship hall were completed in 1961, and the sanctuary was constructed in 1977. With God's help, the membership continues to grow and currently numbers 432.

A date dear to the hearts of the women was March 1, 1949, when the Women of the Church was organized with 20 charter members. Two of those original members, Mrs. Mildred Tiddy Averette and Mrs. Sarah M. Tiddy, remain on the active roll. Since the beginning, the women have served tirelessly in every phase of the congregation's work and currently make up one-fourth of the Session.

....Submitted by Laura S. Miller and Peggy B. Campbell

- WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Durham -

On June 30, 1963, Westminster Presbyterian Church was organized by Granville Presbytery in Hope Valley School. Twenty-two families covenanted together as an organized church, and the Rev. Charles Williams was installed as the first pastor. In 1967 the congregation moved into a newly completed Education Building and Fellowship Hall. The Rev. Haywood D. Holderness, Jr. was installed in January, 1974, as Westminster's second and present pastor.

Westminster places strong emphasis on faithful worship and community service, and the women have been encouraged to take leadership roles in every aspect of the church's life. Isabelle Wiley was elected in 1967 as the first woman Elder, and in 1971, Allene Hassel, Nancy Knight, Kay Herr, and Imogene Thaler were elected the first women Deacons. Throughout the church's short history, women have also had responsibilities on the Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly levels of the Presbyterian Church. In addition to Sunday school, worship, fellowship, and care activities, Westminster provides a fine week-day kindergarten and opens the church facilities to many varied community programs. The members are also active in outreach programs such as those sponsored through Durham Congregations in Action and the Durham Presbyterian Council.

In 1985 construction began on the long-awaited sanctuary; in August of 1987, this beautiful new structure was dedicated to the glory of God.

....Submitted by Gene Brannon

- WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Greensboro -

Officially organized October 12, 1887, as the third oldest Presbyterian Church in Greensboro, Westminster Church celebrated her 100th birthday in 1987. The actual beginning was in 1879 when First Presbyterian Church purchased a lot and built a mission chapel. The Rev. Egbert W. Smith became Westminster's first pastor. In 1905 Westminster cooperated with First Church to establish Church of the Covenant, and ten years later to organize Glenwood Church.

October 12, 1912, the cornerstone of Westminster's second building was laid, and in 1927, an addition was made to the building on Asheboro Street. In 1947 a large number of members left Westminster to begin Westover Presbyterian Church, an unaffiliated congregation. With membership low and no pastor, the future of Westminster was in question. Determining to remain open with a promise of stronger support from Presbytery, a new pastor, the Rev. C. D. Mosser, was called. By 1954 membership had increased and the decision was made to relocate the church. The Rev. Marion S. Huske was called to lead in building a new structure. From 1959 to 1969, under the pastorate of the Rev. William D. Varker, the membership increased from 168 to 500 and a new Christian Education building was added in 1967. Twenty years later, the need for expansion was again apparent, and a beautiful new sanctuary and larger fellowship hall were completed in late 1987.

The Women of the Church is an active organization at Westminster, providing valuable service and spiritual leadership within the congregation and in the community.

....Submitted by Harriett O. Watson



- WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Raleigh -

Meeting in the Wake County Home on Whitaker Mill Road, Westminster Presbyterian Church began in 1917 as an outpost Sunday School of the Vanguard Class of Raleigh's First Presbyterian Church. In 1921 the North Vanguard Chapel was constructed; and in 1923 under the leadership of the Rev. W. B. Sullivan, the Chapel was chartered by Presbytery as the North Vanguard Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Coyte Hunter was installed in 1924 as the first full-time pastor. In 1946 the congregation moved into a newly constructed sanctuary and changed the name of the church to Westminster. The current membership is 336.

A development of historic significance was in 1977 when a Korean congregation, supported by Orange Presbytery, was welcomed into Westminster's membership where they remained until they were able to obtain their own church in 1982.

After the reorganization of the Women of the Church in October of 1980, the WOC presidents have been Jean Nance, Lana Barnwell, Esther Jordan, Virginia Rose, and currently, Edith Yopp. There are three circles with a membership of 63, all of whom actively and faithfully serve as an important part of Westminster Church.

....Submitted by Edith B. Yopp



- WEST RALEIGH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH -

"To meet the special needs of the University community" and to minister to Cameron Park and Fairmont were the two purposes of the 1927 organization of the West Raleigh Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Joseph R. Walker became the first pastor, and the women were organized with Mrs. Walter Van Orden as the first president. The second president, Miss Minnie Farrior, celebrated her 95th birthday in 1987.

Despite the financial reverses of the depression, a "little brown church" was built in 1932. A wing was added in 1940, and the sanctuary was enlarged in 1942. Ten years later the present brick modified English Gothic sanctuary was erected and an educational building added in 1960.

A few highlights of the church's history include: the church's outpost Sunday School was organized as Western Boulevard Church (1947-1949); the kindergarten was started in 1960 (now a superior day care center with nearly 200 children); 1967 the organ was installed; and a Korean congregation began meeting at WRPC in 1974. The church has had seven ministers, two associates, and eight ministers to the students. The Rev. A. M. McGeachy, the present pastor, came to West Raleigh in 1978, and the Rev. Harriet Isbell was ordained and installed as the Associate in 1985.

Community involvement is extensive, and the congregation supports mission work around the world. There have been youth caravans to work projects in Kentucky and Mexico. The bottom line for West Raleigh is the 1980 mission statement: "... a community of God's people nurtured in the love of Jesus Christ, supporting each other, and reaching out to the world beyond."

....Submitted by Coppie MacLeod

- WESTVIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Burlington -

Four different names and seventeen pastors are in the 94-year history of Westview Presbyterian Church. First established as Elmira Chapel by the First Presbyterian Church in 1894 under the leadership of the Rev. Malcolm Shields, the 18 charter members were then organized as Second Presbyterian Church on August 5, 1913, and became self-supporting under the pastorate of the Rev. O. W. Perrell. When the Rev. C. Linwood Cheshire was pastor a new chapel and education building were erected on South Park Avenue in 1951, and the name of the church was changed to Park Avenue Presbyterian Church. The Rev. K. M. Misenheimer was pastor of the congregation when a new sanctuary was added in 1961 and the name was changed to Westview. Membership at present is 201 members.

The Women of the Church, an active and supportive arm of Westview Church, is involved in many worthwhile activities. The women meet weekly to roll bandages for White Cross, deliver Meals-on-Wheels regularly and remember each recipient with a poinsettia in December, collect food for the needy each month through the circles, plan outings and parties for the Senior Citizens, visit the sick and the shut-ins, correspond each month with the John Foltas (the church-supported missionaries), prepare snack suppers each Sunday night prior to Bible study, and actively support the many activities of the women's work of the Presbyterian Church.

....Submitted by Patty Baldwin

- WHISPERING PINES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Greensboro -

After holding services in the old Ulah School building for almost four years, the group of worshipers were organized into the Whispering Pines Presbyterian Church on the afternoon of March 7, 1965.

Groundbreaking services for a new building were held on Sunday morning, March 27, 1966, with Edgar Mabe, donor of the land, first to use the shovel to break ground. All the officials of the congregation participated in the celebration. The building was completed and dedicated on Sunday, August 6, 1967, and the Rev. David F. Blue, Jr., was installed as the first pastor. Other ministers to serve the congregation include the Rev. Kay Misenheimer and the current pastor, the Rev. Robert Button.

The Women of the Church organization has had the following Presidents: Ruth Cranfort, Peggy Clark, Ramona Parks, and Donna St. Clair.

....Submitted by Donna St. Clair

- WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Raleigh -

On March 9, 1945, Mr. Karl G. Hudson, Sr., and Mr. Donald Kimrey invited eight members of Raleigh's First Presbyterian Church to meet to discuss the possibility of forming a new church. Out of this meeting came White Memorial Presbyterian Church, so named to honor Dr. William McClanahan White, pastor of First Church from 1908 to 1934. White Memorial Church was formally organized on May 19, 1946, by a special commission of Granville Presbytery. There were 259 charter members, and the Rev. Charles Lynwood Brown became the first pastor.

Services were held in the Colony Theater (now the Rialto) and Sunday school classes met at Hays Barton School (now Myrtle Underwood). In 1949, the East Wing of the Education Building was completed and the Sunday school was moved to the new building. Church services continued to be held in the theater until the sanctuary was completed on February 10, 1952. In 1957, the West Wing of the Education Building was completed.

On September 4, 1966, Dr. H. Edwin Pickard became the second (and present) pastor of White Memorial. At the 25th anniversary celebration, October 10, 1971, ground was broken for a new building across McDonald Lane which would include administrative offices, a chapel (seating 100), a library, a parlor, classrooms, and facilities for youth activities (Granville Building and Davidson Chapel). Renovation and enlargement of the church's physical plant, "The Adventure in Faith," was completed and the facilities dedicated on February 20, 1987. At that time the active membership roll of White Memorial passed the 3,500 mark. Sunday school enrollment reached a total of 1,595.

On January 25, 1987, the congregation celebrated two anniversaries - White Memorial's 40th and Dr. Pickard's 20th!

The Woman's Auxiliary of White Memorial Church was organized on September 16, 1946, with thirty-eight women present. Renamed the Women of the Church in 1948, the organization now lists 500 active members in 12 circles. There are over 100 women serving on the Boards of the Church, 10 on the Session, 10 as Deacons, and 35 serve on Session Committees.

White Memorial offers classes and programs for all ages, and community outreach plays an important role in the life of the church. Three worship services are held each Sunday. White Memorial strives in all ways to be a covenant community of Christ's people in this time and in this place.

....Submitted by Mrs. Edward G. Lilly, Jr.

-WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Willow Springs-

The little white church in the pines was a vision that came true for Miss Kitty Stephenson and Miss Isabella Robertson and those who assembled on Miss Kitty's front porch for worship. In the middle of March, 1942, Sunday school met in the church building for the first time, and White Memorial Presbyterian Church, Willow Springs, Granville Presbytery, was formally organized April 4, 1943. Serving as pastors to White Memorial have been the following: Cecil Lawrence; Wilson Moore, Stated Supply; Galen Elliott; William Brown; David Boozer; James Donnell; and presently, Herbert L. Underwood.

The Women of the Church of White Memorial has been a very active group promoting various activities: Bible studies, Vacation Bible School, Senior Citizens' luncheons, spiritual retreats, Family Night suppers, the library, memorials, and a prison ministry which won the nation's top award for volunteer prison work in 1982...and on and on. At the Presbytery level, this small congregation has provided Myrline Watson, District VII Chairman, and Ann R. Stephenson, District VII Chairman, Key Woman for the Presbyterian School of Christian Education, and most importantly, as a valuable member of the Transition Committee for Proposed Presbytery "C."

White Memorial has approximately 100 members at present. It is a small church - the little white church in the pines - that glows because it is empowered by God to let its love and its light shine.

....Submitted by Becky Stephenson

- YANCEYVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH -

The Presbyterian Church in Yanceyville dates from 1838 when Orange Presbytery recorded that ministers Pickard, Montgomery, Lynch, and Harding were given leave to organize the congregation.

The first elder trustees, Alexander McAlpin, George Williamson, and James Mebane, purchased land for the first church building in 1841. In 1850 that building was sold and a larger tract of land was acquired to erect a brick sanctuary which is still in use today and tenderly preserved for over 135 years. The slave galleries and original chandelier are still intact. Plans for the building were drawn by Elder Nathaniel Moore Roan, and the builder was Alfred A. Mitchell. A large grove and space for a cemetery surrounded the church. Ironically the first interments in the cemetery were youngsters who died in 1851, John K. and Josephine Mitchell, children of the builder.

The first resident pastor, Dr. John S. Grasty, organized the first Sunday School in 1849. Once each month he preached to a black congregation in Yanceyville. The entire community used the churchyard for large celebrations and public gatherings, and in 1890 Zebulon B. Vance spoke in the grove during his campaign for US Senate.

The loyal communicants have maintained their church in eloquence with a new organ, stained glass windows, carpets, cushioned pews; a refurbished entry gives a warm welcome; a stately portico adds dignity, and a new copper steeple reminds one and all that the church stands to the service and worship of God.

....Submitted by Katharine Kerr Kendall

Information was not received
from the following churches:

Duraleigh, Raleigh
El Bethel, Eden
Fairfield
Hopeview, Greensboro
Mebane Memorial, Roxboro
Memorial, Greensboro
Oak Hill, Oxford
Oak View
Piedmont, Burlington
Pittsboro
St. Andrews, Raleigh
St. Johns, Durham
Spring Hill, Lucama
Westminster, Lucama
Young Memorial, Manson

ABOUT ORANGE PRESBYTERY

1770 - 1988

Authorized on May 24, 1770, by the Synod of New York and Philadelphia, Orange Presbytery held its first meeting on the first Wednesday of September, 1770, at the Hawfields Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Hugh McAden preached the opening sermon. The area then served by the Presbytery was south of Virginia to an indefinite length westward and an indefinite distance to the south. The churches within the boundaries of Orange Presbytery were Buffalo, Alamance, Red House, Hawfields, Eno, Little River, Rocky River, Poplar Tent, Sugaw Creek, Lower Hico, and the Caswell churches.

In those days the Synod typically met in Philadelphia for nine days. With approximately eighteen days spent on horseback for the round trip to attend Synod, ministers and elders would be away for twenty-seven days!

Any history of Orange Presbytery, however brief, would be incomplete without mention of its founding fathers. The seven men who overtured the Synod to create the Presbytery were Henry Patillo, David Caldwell, Hugh McAden, James Creswell, Joseph Alexander, Hezekiah James Balch, and Hezekiah Balch.

Inspired with evangelistic zeal, the Presbytery grew rapidly. In 1784 "the Presbytery represented to Synod that their numbers are so increased, and their bounds so extensive, as to render it very inconvenient for them to meet in one place." Thus, the Presbytery of South Carolina was created. In succeeding years other presbyteries were formed in North Carolina from parts of Orange. In a Plan for Restructure in January 1, 1972, Orange and Granville Presbyteries were merged by the Synod of North Carolina to constitute the present Orange Presbytery.

To speak of Orange Presbytery is to speak of education (schools, institutes, and colleges). It is to speak of home missions, evangelism, and church extension, of a strong commitment to foreign missions. It is to speak of a social conscience which manifested itself in many ways.

To be informed of the past is to be instructed for the future. "For there is a light that burns in the Past, and if it lies back of us, it does cast a few rays down to the Future."

....Prepared by Dr. Alfred E. Thomas

The Synod of North Carolina

Presbyterians first settled in large numbers in North Carolina, then an English colony, in Duplin County in the east around 1736. These pioneers were Scotch-Irish, or Ulster Scots: people of Scottish descent living in northern Ireland, who emigrated directly to North Carolina. Greater numbers of Scotch-Irish settlers in the 18th century moved from Pennsylvania to the Piedmont area, in the colony's center. They organized strong churches in that region, which within two centuries would form a corridor containing the major part of the state's population; churches were particularly numerous in the area drained by the Haw, Yadkin, and Catawba Rivers.

Meanwhile, a separate group of Scots had come to North Carolina from the Scottish Highlands, settling up the Cape Fear River in the east. Though of similar ethnic origin, these two groups of Scots colonists were markedly different in one important respect: politics. The Scotch-Irish were early, fervent supporters of the cause that led to the American Revolution. They produced the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence. The Highland Scots, on the other hand, were generally Tories, loyal to the king, and that loyalty placed them in conflict with the more numerous Scotch-Irish during the Revolution.

Though by far the most numerous in North Carolina, however, the two groups of Scots were not the only early Presbyterians. Smaller groups of English Presbyterians, French Huguenots, and Welsh and Swiss settlers also brought their religion to North Carolina.

For nearly 40 years, Presbyterians settled in the North Carolina colony without taking a formal step beyond the congregation. Then, in 1770, they organized Orange Presbytery. Shortly afterwards, in 1788, the Synod of the Carolinas was formed. This regional grouping lasted until 1813, when at Alamance Church near Greensboro the Synod of North Carolina was organized. This new synod comprised the Presbyteries of Orange, Concord, and Fayetteville; the remainder of the old synod became the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia.

In these early years, the Presbyterians in North Carolina were for the most part merchants or small farmers, not plantation owners. Still, there were a number of slave-owners. The antebellum churches often contained balconies or galleries, permitting, but in essence separating, worship for owners and slaves in the same building.

Complete separation came with the Civil War. Nationally, the Presbyterian Church broke into two denominations, and in North Carolina, many black Presbyterians withdrew after the war to form their own churches. The "Northern" Presbyterian Church U.S.A. established Catawba Presbytery from these churches in 1866. Unfortunately, the separation of North Carolina Presbyterians has persisted until recently, to the mutual loss of both groups.

Major division occurred again in 1915, this time within the "Southern" denomination, as a Synod of Appalachia was formed from parts of several synods. From North Carolina, this new region pulled Asheville Presbytery and part of Concord Presbytery. This division was to last until the early 1970's, when the Synod of Appalachia was dissolved and the Synod of North Carolina once again encompassed the state.

Among both blacks and whites, the Presbyterian Church tended to appeal to the educated, and education played an important role in both churches. In the

early years of Presbyterian settlement, it had not been uncommon for a school to spring up alongside the church, for the minister was likely to be the best educated person in the community. The reverse pattern happened among black Presbyterians following the Civil War; "Northern" Presbyterians established schools for black Presbyterians in the South, and churches grew out of them. Most of these old boarding schools are gone now, or converted into colleges: North Carolina has more Presbyterian colleges than any other state in the nation, two predominantly black and seven predominantly white.

There was another enterprise as well that from early times assumed a prominent place in Presbyterian interests: the training of ministers. In 1825, North Carolina Presbyterians joined with those in Virginia to support Union Seminary, which had been founded in 1812. Black Presbyterians wanted a college and seminary from the time Catawba Presbytery was formed, and Johnson C. Smith College was founded in 1867; it had a full theological department. When Johnson C. Smith Seminary relocated to Atlanta in 1969, it was, and remains, the primary training center for black Presbyterian ministers in the country.

Presbyterians in North Carolina tackled other needs in the society around them. For the young, the Synod established Barium Springs Home for Children, while children's homes were also started in Asheville and Concord Presbyteries. For the aging, the Synod began the Presbyterian Home in High Point soon after the Second World War; other homes are under way in Raleigh and Laurinburg, and local Presbyterian groups have founded a number of homes for the elderly. As state universities grew, Presbyterians brought campus ministries to those public settings. As work in our culture has grown more complex over the past 40 years, North Carolina Presbyterians helped people see their jobs in the framework of their lives and values, leading the Presbyterian Church U.S. in this field through what is now the Career and Personal Counseling Service. As awareness of social issues grew in this century, the Synod became one of the principal supporters of the North Carolina Council of Churches. Meeting physical, economic, political, and social needs of people in the state has become increasingly a central concern of the Synod in the past few years.

Today, Presbyterians in North Carolina are once again part of the same church. Scars of past separation remain visible, however: two different organizations cover the same geography, seven former PCUS presbyteries and three former United Presbyterian presbyteries. With the reunion, we look forward to a future together.

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The new seal of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is a symbolic statement.

It presents classic Christian emblems in a contemporary form. At the same time, it depicts Presbyterian heritage, identity and mission.

The seal as a whole reminds the church of its identity and its call to be the servant of Jesus Christ. Its components include basic symbols of the faith — the cross, Scripture, the dove, and flames.

The dominant structural and theological element in the design is the cross, the universal symbol of the Christian church. Because of its association with Presbyterian history the Celtic cross was chosen as a model for this contemporary rendering.

The integration of the horizontal dimensions of the cross with the book motif highlights the emphasis the Reformed tradition places on the role of Scripture.

The slightly flared shape of the Celtic cross also made possible the transforming of its uppermost section into the shape of a descending dove, intimately tying this symbol of the Holy Spirit to the representation of the Bible and affirming the role of the Spirit in inspiring and interpreting Scripture.

The dove also symbolizes Christ's baptism by John and the peace and wholeness that his death and resurrection bring to a broken world.

In the shape of the dove the form of a fish may be discerned — an early Christian sign for Christ, recalling his ministry to the hungry.

Beneath the image of the book is the suggestion of a lectern or pulpit, which captures the important role of preaching in Presbyterian worship.

Integrated into the lower part of the design are flames that form an implied triangle, a traditional symbol of the Trinity. The flames themselves convey a double meaning: revelation in the Old Testament when God spoke to Moses from the burning bush, and the New Testament account of Pentecost and the beginning of the Christian church.

The triangle also suggests the nature of Presbyterian government with its concern for balance and order, dividing power between ministers of the Word and laypeople, and between different governing bodies of the church. This symbolism also reflects the Reformed understanding of the church, that God establishes a covenant with his people as an affirmation of his enduring love and his calling them to faith in and obedience to Jesus Christ.

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